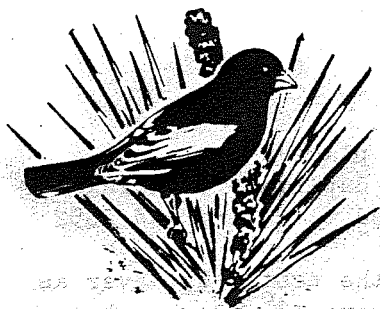




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MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS

OF THE

Denver Field Ornithologists

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Harold Holt, Editor

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 25, 1971

"Bird Slides for 1971"

by

Harold Holt

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

DECEMBER 1971 FIELD TRIPS

- December 4 - Idledale, Evergreen, Kerr Gulch, Genesee Mt. and Squaw Mt. Thompson Marsh, leader.
(sunshine & snow flurries, between 20° - 30° - 8 hours). Merle Barbour, John &
Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Albert Koewing, Bob Spencer, Vince Winn. (30 Sps.)
- 5 - Elizabeth, Castlewood Dam and Castle Rock. Merle Barbour & Mary Cornelius, leaders.
(Sunny - Cool. 7½ Hrs.) John & Joyce Cooper, Robert Glover, Sue Merrick. (28 Sps.)

December	4	5		4	5
AREA	EVER	GEN	ELIZ	EVER & GEN	ELIZ
HABITAT	FOOT	PLN & FOOT		FOOT	PLN & FOOT
SPECIES					
Red-tailed Hawk	1	3	Pigmy Nuthatch	11	4
Rough-legged Hawk		5	Dipper	2	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	1	Robin	280	
Marsh Hawk		1	Townsend's Solitaire	3	7
Sparrow Hawk		7	Northern Shrike	1	6
Rock Dove		15	Starling	24	95
Red-shafted Flicker	4	3	House Sparrow		11
Hairy Woodpecker	2	2	Cassin's Finch	5	
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	House Finch		29
Horned Lark		40	Gray-crown Rosy Finch	100 (Squaw Mt.)	
Gray Jay	1 (Squaw Mt.)		Br-Cap. Rosy Finch	4 (Squaw Mt.)	
Stellers Jay	28	5	Pine Siskin	3	
Scrub Jay		9	American Goldfinch		35
Black-billed Magpie	38	23	Red Crossbill	35	
Common Raven		1	Rufous-sided Towhee	1	
Common Crow	14		Slate-colored Junco	12	2
Pinon Jay	25		Oregon Junco	24	33
Clark's Nutcracker	5 (Squaw Mt.)		Gray-headed Junco	18	
Black-capped Chickadee	11	8	Tree Sparrow		31
Mountain Chickadee	26	5	Song Sparrow	1	1
White-br. Nuthatch	2	5			

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Libby Goodwin - 718 - 14th St. Boulder, Colorado 80302
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Mr. and Mrs. Antonio D. Livaudais - 439 Emerson St. - Denver, Colorado 80218
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DUES PAYABLE JANUARY 1st

Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1, For other types of membership please contact the Treasurer, George Shier, Rt. 1, Box 821, Golden, Colorado 80401. Telephone 279 - 1990. DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE FOR 1972

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT DECEMBER 18, 1971

All observers provided satisfactory details for unusual birds. The observations of highly mobile birds were correlated as to time, place and direction flying. Certain observations by different parties were regarded as duplicate sightings of the same bird. Specifically 2 reports of Glaucous Gulls were reduced to 1 bird and 2652 Canada Geese were reduced to 2300.

The weather conditions were quite favorable and contributed to the best count ever as far as species, 104 and total birds, 16,162. The Lakes and streams were 98⁰ frozen, but most water fowl were observed in varying numbers.

Three new species were added. These were White-necked Raven, observed in the Middle South Platte area by Thompson Marsh and Lucy Yee; Hermit Thrush, observed in the Willow Springs area by Mildred Snyder and Jo Trainor; and Purple Finch observed in the Middle South Platte area by Thompson Marsh and Lucy Yee.

Other species observed 5 or fewer times on counts covering the last 22 years were: White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Bald Eagle, Blue Grouse, Glaucous Gull, Pygmy Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Clark's Nutcracker, Mockingbird, Bohemian Waxwing, and Common Redpoll.

The following species had the highest totals ever for the Denver Christmas Count: Pied-billed Grebe, Canada Goose, American Widgeon, Red-tailed Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Golden Eagle, Blue Grouse, American Coot, Great-horned Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Black-billed Magpie, Black-capped Chickadee, Mountain Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Dipper, Townsend's Solitaire, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Starling, American Goldfinch, and Song Sparrow.

Noticeable by lower than average numbers were: Ring-necked Pheasant, Western Meadowlark, Cassin's Finch, Rufous-sided Towhee, White-crowned Sparrow.

Additional Species observed in the count circle during the count period, but not on count day were: Gray-crowned Rosy Finch and Black Rosy Finch.

On the Precount there were 5 birds observed that were not again seen on the regular count on the 18th. On the 11th were seen Pigeon Hawk, Mourning Dove, Common Bushtit, Rosy Finch (Sp). On the 12th were seen. Western Grebe.

DENVER, CHRISTMAS COUNT PARTICIPANTS, BY AREA (Leaders underlined)

Area 1 - Red Rocks: Dolores Gable, Douglas Gable, Robert Glover and Donald Thatcher.

Area 2 - Lower Bear Creek: Roberta Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Marian and Joe Borden, Phyllis Caswell, Tim Gates, John Hannum, Lillian and Randolph McDonough, Sadie Morrison.

Area 3 - Marston and Bowles Lakes: Mrs. Jerold M. Bidwell, Mike Eagleton, Jack Reddall, and LaVona and Harold Holt.

Area 4 - Lower South Platte: Joyce and John Cooper, Warren I. Finch, Mary B. Fischer, Bob Gillespie, Nancy and Bob Gustafson, Phillip T. Hayes, Peter Jensen, Robert Reed, and Van Remsen.

Area 5 - Middle South Platte: Lorraine Chappell, Karen and David Hutchinson, Robert Spencer, Lucy Yee, and Thompson Marsh.

Area 6 - Upper South Platte: Olin F. Bray, John W. DeGrazio, Lawrence DeWeese, Deborah Eaton, Joseph L. Guarino, C. Edward Knittle, Jeff Mosser, Charles P. Stone, Jack F. Welch, Willis C. Royall.

Area 7 - Deer Creek Canyon: Bill and Jeanne Caswell, Al Koewing, Madeline and Tony Livaudais, Sue Merrick, Lynn Willcockson and John Colvin.

Area 3 - South Turkey Creek: Joanne Abbott, Goran Blomberg, Sophia Bogart, Richard L. Bottorf, Elinor Kingery, Marie Kolena, David McCargo, Jr. Richard E. Pillmore, Nancy Hurley and Hugh Kingery.

Area 9 - North Turkey Creek: Douglas G. Buttery, Pat Heifner and Robert F. Buttery.

Area 10 - Upper Bear Creek: Sylvia and Winston W. Brockner, Michael A. Linshaw, Mark Poulk.

Area 11 - Willow Creek and Springs: Paul Darby, Ruth Gilmore, Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Craig Miller, Josephine Trainor, Merle Richmond, Mildred O. Snyder, and Lois Webster.

Feeders: Glick Bishop, Lloyd Bishop, Aleon DeVore, Mrs. John Fields, Joyce Freeman, Margaret Granzella, Jerome Grutza, Robert J. Hendrix, Lila Kint, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McLaughlin, Mildred Meyer, Honora Ragsdale, Mrs. John Schoolcraft, Mrs. Grant Schaefer, Connie Sebald, Sandy Simons, David Sumner, Mrs. Edward Van Arsdale, and Helen Waters.

PARTICIPANTS ON PRE-COUNT, DECEMBER 11 and 12.. (by Area)

Area 1: R. Rolander, Don Thatcher; Area 2: Roberta Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Sadie Morrison, Ruth Wheeler. Area 3: LaVona and Harold Holt, Steve Larson, Jack Reddall. Area 4: Joyce and John Cooper. Area 5: Lorraine Chappell, David Hutchinson, Thompson Marsh, Robert Spencer. Area 6: Willis C. Royal. Area 7: John Colvin, Sue Merrick, Lynn Willcockson,. Area 8: Nancy Hurley, Hugh Kingery. Area 9: Douglas Buttery, Robert Buttery, Paul Julian. Area 10: None. Area 11: Mildred O. Snyder.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	F	T
Mallard		38	634	485	36	15					89	60	1357
Gadwall		12	12	21	10								55
Pintail		3	62	3	4						13		85
Green-winged Teal		23	5	17	2	4							51
American Widgeon		29	234	320								1	584
Shoveler			4	1									5
Wood Duck			16										16
Redhead			30	100									130
Ring-necked Duck			98	91									189
Canvasback			10	4									14
Lesser Scaup			10	12									22
Common Goldeneye			69	8	55								132
Bufflehead					4								4
Ruddy Duck			1										1
Hooded Merganser			6										6
Common Merganser			95	25	36								156
Goshawk					1		1						2
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1	1									2
Cooper's Hawk	1			1		1							3
Accipiter (Sp)								1					1
Red-tailed Hawk		3	3	8	4	2	3			1	1		25
Harlan's Hawk				2	2								4
Rough-legged Hawk		1		2	8	1	5				5		22
Ferruginous Hawk						2							2
Buteo (Sp)		1		5	4								10
Golden Eagle	2		2			2	2	1			1		10
Bald Eagle							1						1
Marsh Hawk				2	8						2		12
Prairie Falcon					1		1						2
Sparrow Hawk		6	3	6	3	1	1				5		25
Falcon (Sp)					1								1
Blue Grouse								1	8		3		12
Ring-necked Pheasant	1		6		2	1	3				6		19
American Coot			107	270									377
Killdeer		5	1	18	28	4							53
Common Snipe		11	3	15	7	1							37
<u>Glaucous Gull</u>													1
Herring Gull			6	7	1								14
Ring-billed Gull			150	134	6								290
Gull (Sp)			116										116
Great-horned Owl			1	4	12						2		19
Pygmy Owl								1					1
Belted Kingfisher		2	3	7	6	2							20
Red-shafted Flicker	4	15	12	30	17	15			3		4	21	121
Yellowbellied Sapsucker									1				1
Hairy Woodpecker				3			4	6	3	1		10	27
Downy Woodpecker		3	3	7	7	2	2	3		2	3	12	44
Horned Lark				60	8								68
Blue Jay			1									8	9
Steller's Jay						6	73	111	50	17	2	130	389
Scrub Jay	6		3			32	6	1		4	20	2	74
Black-billed Magpie	6	106	91	132	439	59	28	27	4	34	102	57	1085
Common Raven	2					4	4	1	1	1	1		14
White-necked Raven					1								1
Common Crow					35	22		9	47	1	74	1	189
Clark's Nutcracker								2					2
Black-capped Chickadee	8	6	111	29	41	45	49	27	6	8	15	82	327
Mountain Chickadee	15		1				201	205	22	18	2	103	567
White-Br. Nuthatch					4		3	11	1			12	32
Red-Br. Nuthatch	2						17	39	11	2		12	83
Pygmy Nuthatch								88	33			36	157
Brown Creeper	2		1	1			8	19	2		3		36
Dipper		2			3	6				8	9		28
Winter Wren					1	1							2
Long-billed Marsh Wren					1								1
Canon Wren	4												4
Rock Wren											4		4
Mockingbird			1										1
Robin	135	2	9	11	1	7	142	136	61	254	76	5	829
Hermit Thrush											1		1
Townsend's Solitaire	15	1			1	8	35	22	22	28	10	2	144
Golden-Cr. Kinglet	3	3					17	6	12		2		43
Water Pipit		9											9
Bohemian Waxwing						1							1
Northern Shrike					2	1	1				4		10

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	F	T
Starling		117	259	507	64	33	14	7		13	185	143	1342
House Sparrow		128	117	110							43	145	543
Western Meadowlark			1	32	8	32	9				27		109
Red-winged Blackbird		34	99	292	156	1	1				266	68	917
Brewer's Blackbird		2		5	15						15		37
Evening Grosbeak		23			14				3	4	15	11	70
Purple Finch					(1)								1
Cassin's Finch												8	8
House Finch		25	106	63	20	10				3	9	62	298
Pine Grosbeak							2	1					3
Common Redpoll							6						6
Pine Siskin					15	5		77	75			1	173
American Goldfinch				6	414	10	112	8					550
Red Crossbill							19	34	4				57
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	2				1							4
White-winged Junco	1			1				45	8			27	82
Slate-colored Junco	3	15	5	15	3	10	8	15		16	14	22	126
Oregon Junco	30	23	14	22	5	38	33	18		62	90	63	398
Gray-headed Junco	4		6	5		6	9	30	19	21	11	97	208
Junco (Sp)						35		13				30	78
Tree Sparrow		12		57	211	2	7			1	25	64	379
Harris' Sparrow		4		3	4	5							16
White-cr. Sparrow		1	2	6	2	3						3	17
White-throated Sparrow			1										1
Fox Sparrow												1	1
Swamp Sparrow				1									1
Song Sparrow	1	11	19	30	121	19	5			4	3		213
SPECIES	21	37	52	58	53	40	35	31	23	21	40	32	104
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	246	1001	3184	3812	2078	452	832	975	397	502	1372	1311	16,162

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS COUNTS FOR 1971

BOULDER COUNT - December 18, 1971- partly cloudy - Total Species 78 (1) - Individuals 13,020

39 Participants in 12 parties. Compiler - Paul Julian

EVERGREEN COUNT - December 19, 1971 - 45 Species. Participants were: Van Remsen, Don Thatcher, Peter Jensen, Don Mallick, Cal Gibbon, Hugh Kingery, Bill Stotz, Nancy Stotz, Diana Stotz, Mary Zanah Stotz, Douglas Stotz, Zanah Stotz, Thompson Marsh, Leland Yee, Lane Kirkpatrick, Ann Kirkpatrick, Dave Carlstrom, Edna Claire Thomas, Virginia Calvert, Mark Cowan, Tim Cowan, Judy Cowan, W.W. Brockner, Sylvia Brockner, John and Joyce Cooper, Dr. Michael Linshaw, Mark Poulk, Jeff Iseminger, Karen Iseminger.

WELDONA COUNT - December 21st, 1971 - Fair, Mild - Total Species 26 Individuals 4066. Participants were: Robert Glover, Nancy Hurley, Vincent Winn, Don Thatcher.

	BOLDR	EVER	WEL		BOULDR	EVER	WEL
Horned Grebe	2			Sparrow Hawk	12		3
Western Grebe	6			Ring-n. Pheasant	20		1
Pied billed Grebe	2			American coot	21		
Great Blue Heron	11			Killdeer	16		
Canada Goose	2750			Common Snipe	6		4
Mallard	5000		1500	Herring Gull	35		
Gadwall	6			Ring-b. Gull	207		31
Pintail	33			Barn Owl	1		
Green-winged Teal	5			Screech Owl	1		
American Widgeon	28			Great H. Owl	5		5
Shoveler	6			Tygmy Owl		2	
Redhead	6			Long-eared Owl			1
Ring-necked Duck	8			Belted Kingfisher	12	2	
Canvasback	17			Red-shafted Flicker	83	4	12
Lesser Scaup	2			Hybrid Flicker	1		
Common Goldeneye	45			Lewis Woodpecker	1		
Ruddy Duck	1			Yellow-b. Sapsucker	1		
Hooded Merganser	1			Hairy Woodpecker	9	12	
Common Merganser	230			Downy Woodpecker	19	6	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2	1	Blue Jay	2		3
Cooper's Hawk	1			Steller's Jay	106	254	
Red-tailed Hawk	10	4	1	Scrub Jay	5	4	
Rough-legged Hawk	18		5	Black-b. Magpie	282	94	40
Ferruginous Hawk			1	Common Raven	4	199	
Golden Eagle	2	4		Common Crow	279	116	
Bald Eagle		1		Pinon Jay		200	
Marsh Hawk	5			Clark's Nutcracker		8	
Prairie Falcon	1			Black-cap Chickadee	67	14	8
				Gray Jay		4	

	BLDR	EVER	WEL		BLDR	EVER	WEL
Mountain Chickadee	40	293		Evening Grosbeak	16	174	
White-br. Nuthatch	12	3		Cassin's Finch		76	
Red-br. Nuthatch	2	8		House Finch	99	13	
Pygmy Nuthatch	13	157		Gray-cr Rosy Finch		288	
Brown Creeper	25	4		Black Rosy Finch		7	
Dipper	13	8		Brown-Cap Rosy Finch		10	
Winter Wren		1		Common Redpoll		30	
Canon Wren	1			Pine Siskin	4		
Robin	186	1559	7	American Goldfinch	46		12
Townsend's Solitaire	10	37		Red Crossbill		274	
Golden-cr. Kinglet	20	2		White-winged Crossbill		1	
Ruby - Cr. Kinglet	1			White-winged Junco	6	158	
Cedar Waxwing	50			Slate-colored Junco	27	35	
Northern Shrike	1	3		Oregon Junco	164	79	
Loggerhead Shrike	2			Gray-headed Junco	67	158	
Starling	1270	52	98	Tree Sparrow	64		20
House Sparrow	517		85	Harris Sparrow	2		
Western Meadowlark	193		19	White-crowned Sparrow	5		2
Red-winged Blackbird	52		2175	Song Sparrow	23	1	13

Other highlights of the Evergreen count which turned up more species and individual birds than ever before and was the most successful in its 3-year history included a Red Crossbill's nest with eggs and a White-winged Crossbill. Eggs of the Red Crossbill hatched December 28, 1971. Numerous visits and Photographic trip were made by Mike Linshaw, Harold Holt and others. Strong winds on January 10, 1972 blew the nest from tree, destroying it and young which should have fledged on January 15, 1972.

We are sorry to report that death has recently taken two of our members. Mrs. Charlotte Barbour, a DFO member since 1960, passed away December 29, 1971. Miss Margaret Pritchett, a charter member of the Colorado Bird Club, who was quite active with the Club until that last very few years, passed away January 6, 1972. They will be missed by their many friends in the Club.

DFO ANNUAL STATEMENT 1971

ASSETS

Savings account January 1, 1971	\$1348.02
Checking account January 1, 1971	269.80
Cash on hand January 1, 1971	0.00
Interest on Savings Account 1971	61.70
Dues and Misc. Receipts 1971	747.42
	\$2426.94

LIABILITIES

Savings account January 1, 1972	
Checking account January 1, 1972	\$1409.72
Receipts in hand January 1, 1972	174.86
Printing expense January 1, 1972	8.00
Contributions January 1, 1972	502.04
Sign for Bailey Bird Nest Area 1972	80.00
President's expenses (Phone, travel, postage)	25.00
office supplies	69.59
Electric typewriter for Editor	44.81
Misc. Expenses	105.83
	7.09
	\$2426.94

George R. Shier, Treasurer

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: please send your reports, using the Denver area checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to Harold Holt, 449 S. Xavier, Denver 80219, Phone 936 - 8845, All individual reports should arrive by the 5th of the month to be included in the current report.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 1972

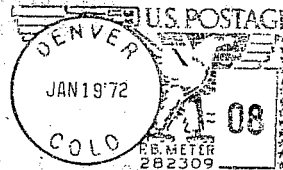
- February 5 - Saturday, Castlewood Dam and Castle Rock Areas. Vi & Henry Bossman, leaders. Hope to find early bluebirds and the several species of Rosy Finches. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:30 *
- 6 - Sunday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Patty Echelmeyer, leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:30
- 12 - Saturday, Pawnee Buttes, Nancy Hurley, leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 *
- 13 - Sunday, Red Rocks Park, Don Thatcher, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 $\frac{1}{2}$ Day.
- 19 - Saturday, Pueblo Area, Dave Griffiths, leader. $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive down. Call Patty Echelmeyer for information. 233 - 4947.
- 20 - Sunday, Jackson Reservoir and Muir Springs. Jack Reddall, leader. Meet at Voyageur Inn, N.E. Corner of parking lot, I70 and Chambers Road. For Hawks and Eagles. Meet at 7:00 *
- 26 - Saturday, Bear Creek Areas, Sadie Morrison, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 *
- 27 - Sunday, Barr Lake and Mile Hi Areas, Harold & LaVona Holt, leaders. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 *

* Bring Lunch

936-8845

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 22, 1972
Color - Sound Motion Picture
"San Juan Adventure"
and
"La Plata"

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

JANUARY 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- January 2, Sunday, 1971 Bonny Christmas Count. Paul Julian, leader. (Clear A.M. - Cloudy P.M.) (24 hrs. 19 field-5 camping, including Saturday 1.) Rich Bottorff, Ruth Gilmore, Nancy Hurley, Hugh Kingery. (54 Sps.)
- 2, Sunday, Bear Creek Park & upper Tule Lake. Jean White, leader. (Partly cloudy, windy, 47° - 2½ hrs.) Vito Tursi. (16 Sps.)
- 8, Cherry Creek Reservoir. Ray Olsen, leader. (Cold-clear & Warming, 5 hrs.) Bill Gillespie & Son Rob., Robert Glover, Al Koewing, Ron Lestina, Bryan Lewis. (25 Sps.)
- 9, Sunday, Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, leader. (Cloudy, cool - 3 hrs.) Patty Echelmeyer, Wm. Gillespie. (16 Sps.)
- 15, Saturday, Cherry Creek Reservoir. Sue Merrick, leader. (Clear, sunny, calm - wind 5 m.p.h., 0° to 25°, 1-4" snow on ground. - 8½ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Joyce & John Cooper, Tony & Madelin Livaudais, Jack Reddall. (27 Sps.)
- 16, Sunday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Fair, mild, calm, 6½ hrs.) Dick & Tony Esposito, Bob Glover, Charles Green, Al Koewing, Ken Mesch, Chris Ricken, Douglas & Zanah Stotz. (19 Sps.)
- 22, Saturday, Lower Bear Creek & Lakes of Area. Sadie Morrison, leader. (Partly cloudy, windy, 4° - 5° - 6½ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Vi Hubka, Ruth Wheeler. (18 Sps.)
- 23, Sunday, Barr Lake & Mile Hi areas. Harold Holt, leader. (Clear, calm, 30° - 58°, Lake 98% frozen. 7 hrs.) Lorraine Chappell, John & Joyce Cooper, Bill Harte, Al Koewing, Wanda Wicks, LaVona Holt. (36 Sps.)
- 29, Saturday, Denver, Colorado to Jackson Reservoir and return. Jack Reddall, leader. (Partly cloudy; 22° - 40°; W, 12-18 - 10 Hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Lori Chappell, Joyce & John Cooper, Dick Esposito (Longmont), Libby Goodwin (Boulder), Al Koewing, Brian Lewis, Sue Merrick. (36 Sps.)
- 30, Sunday, Bowmar and nearby areas. Bobbie Ausfahl - Merle Barbour, leaders. (Sunny and cool - 6 ¾ hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Joyce & John Cooper, Viola Hubka, Cecely Mellor, Sue Merrick. (41 Sps.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Betsy Webb - Denver Museum of Natural History - City Park - Denver, Colorado 80205
Robert D. and Mary R. Reed - 7654 So. Harlan St. - Littleton, Colorado 80123

NOTICE!

It is again time to think about the Cornell Nest Card Program. Great Horned Owls start laying their eggs the end of February. The Laboratory of Ornithology was very appreciative of our 1971 reports and I hope that we will all work to make 1972 even better. If you have any questions or doubts please feel free to phone or write me. Nancy Hurley, 1875 South Adams St. Denver, Colorado 80210. Phone 757 - 0837.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Roy E. Coy - 2101 S. 14th St. - St. Joseph, Missouri 64503
Robert Stocker - 4573 S. Washington - Englewood, Colorado 80110

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	XMAS COUNT									
	2	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	30
	BONN PLN	BEAR PLN	CCR PLN	RRP FOOT	CCR PLN	PAWN PLN	BEAR PLN	BARR PLN	JACK PLN	BOW PLN
SPECIES										
Great Blue Heron	4									6
Mute Swan		2								4
Canada Goose	900	48	150		250		97	8	500	410
* Blue Goose	3									
Snow Goose	2									
Mallard	22000	8	30		14		62	2000	2500	250
Gadwall			2		3		10	100		4
Pintail	200						2	12		8
Green-winged Teal	1						2	6		1
American Widgeon	350	2						40		150
Shoveler		1						3		8
Wood Duck										20
Redhead			1					2		25
Ring-necked Duck										8
Lesser Scaup										2
Common Goldeneye	4	5	12					2	2	15
Hooded Merganser						4 Bow Mar JC				
Common Merganser	6		22					7	100	22
Goshawk	1									
Red-tailed Hawk	5					2		1	13	3
Harlan's Hawk					1			1		
Rough-legged Hawk	7		12		5	17		9	67	1
Ferruginous Hawk	1					3			5	
Golden Eagle	2					6			7	
Bald Eagle	5								13	
Marsh Hawk	5		3		4	11		6	13	1
Prairie Falcon	1				1	2			3	
Pigeon Hawk	2					1		1	2	
Sparrow Hawk	2	2	1		2		3	3	3	2
Ring-necked Pheasant	6		5		15	12		17	26	
Turkey			4 Palmer Lake JC							
American Coot		24								72
Killdeer							3	1	1	
Common Snipe					5		2	1		
Herring Gull			1					2		
California Gull			1 (Greenish legs)							
Ring-billed Gull			6							300
Rock Dove		15		100			35	15	12	
Great Horned Owl	13		3		1	3			1	1
Pygmy Owl						1 South Platte HH				
Long-eared Owl	2									
Short-eared Owl					5					
Belted Kingfisher	2								2	1
Red-shafted Flicker	1	2	2		1		3	8	10	3
Hybrid Flickers	31									
Hairy Woodpecker	3									2
Downy Woodpecker	18					1		4	1	1
Horned Lark	290		76		60	1000		272	405	55
Blue Jay	6									
Stellars Jay				2						
Scrub Jay				4	1 on 21st Lowry AFB HH					
Black-billed Magpie	75	6	12	5	16	4	25	33	39	33
Common Crow	3								3	
Black-capped Chickadee	84	1	3	6	1		2	10	7	2
Dipper				1						
Long-billed Marsh Wren	3									
Canon Wren				2						
Brown Thrasher	1			1 from 9th Golden (Feeder) GS						
Robin	111			20				1		2
Townsend's Solitaire				5						
G.- c. Kinglet							1			
Water Pipit								5	4	
Cedar Waxwing	3									
Northern Shrike	1		1							
Starling	65	6	8	12	7	12	20	138	93	45
House Sparrow	123				4	12	103	27	128	21
Western Meadowlark	20		6		1	25		25	65	2
Redwinged Blackbird	697							564	800	115
Brewer's Blackbird	5									
House Finch			8	20	14			1		15
Common Redpoll	2								2	
Pine Siskin	35				1	15				

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JANUARY		2	2	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	30
AREA		BONN	BEAR	CCR	RRP	CCR	PAWN	BEAR	BARR	JACK	BOW
HABITAT		PLN	PLN	PLN	FOOT	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN

SPECIES

American Goldfinch	202		11		19	2		5	8		
Rufous-sided Towhee				3		1	All month Lakewood JC				
White-winged Junco				1							
Slate-colored Junco	44			2							2
Oregon Junco	110	4		25	8		12				5
Gray-headed Junco				10							3
Tree Sparrow	609	15	32		89	18		19	26		4
Harris' Sparrow	1										3
White-crowned Sparrow	8										3
Swamp Sparrow	7										
Song Sparrow	74	5	2		17		1	5	2		5
Lapland Longspur	36				19	1			8		
TOTAL SPECIES	84	54	16	26	17	27	22	17	36	35	41

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: John Cooper, Harold Holt, George Shier.

Blue Goose. Discovered by P. Julian party using 30x scope. The birds were standing on the edge of the ice about 175 yards from shore. They were in the company of the two Snow Geese. All six observers viewed the birds during lunch break with three scopes. Bailey and Niedrach call the Blue Goose a rare bird in Colorado, although the paucity of specimens and sight records suggest that its status might be nearer to causal.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - MARCH 1972

- MARCH 4 - Saturday, Lakes North of city including Eastlake. Dave Hutchinson, leader. Meet at 25th & Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *
- 5 - Sunday, Pawnee Buttes. Nancy Hurley, leader. Meet at The Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
- 11 - Saturday, Bow Mar and environs. Lynn Willcockson, leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 A.M. *
- 12 - Sunday, Red Rocks Park. ½ day. Don Thatcher, leader. Meet at 25th & Sheridan at 7:30 A.M.
- 18 - Saturday, Bear Creek & lakes of the area. Sadie Morrison, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 19 - Sunday, Barr Lake and Mile Hi area. Harold Holt, leader. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
- 25 - Saturday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sue Merrick, leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 A.M. *
- 26 - Sunday, Evergreen Area. Sylvia & Bill Brockner, leaders. Meet at Evergreen Post-office at 9:00 A.M. *

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 28, 1972

Sound - Motion Picture

"Wonderful World of the Wood Duck"

(An exceptional movie of the life history of the Wood Duck)

By

Dr. Burt Thomas

Dept. Chairman of Biological Sciences - University of Northern Colorado

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

FEBRUARY 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- February 5, Saturday, Castle Rock, Castlewood Canyon, Elizabeth. Henry & Vi Bossman, leaders. (Still, Clear - 7½ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Chuck & Emily Durham, Vincent & Roberta Winn. (22 Sps.)
- 6, Sunday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. John & Joyce Cooper, leaders. (Clear, cold A.M. to warm P.M. 80% reservoir frozen - 6½ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Mary Cornelius, Jack Reddall. (28 Sps.)
- 12, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (clear, moderate temperature, windy - 8 hrs.) Sophie Bogart, Christine Bonney, Dick & Tony Esposito, Anita Matthews, Bill Miller, Dick Weppner. (17 Sps.) Saturday.
- 13, Sunday, Red Rocks Park and Morrison. John & Joyce Cooper, leaders. (Sunny, no wind, Scattered snow on ground. - 4½ hrs.) Joan Lusby, Paul & Bernice Merry. (18 Sps.)
- 19, Saturday, Pueblo Area. David Griffiths- David Silver- Van Truan, leaders. (Warm, clear. - 9½ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Clare Griffiths. (51 Sps.)
- 20, Sunday, Denver to Jackson Reservoir. Jack Reddall, leader. (Mostly Cloudy; 39°-63°, wind variable, 4-7 - 9¼ Hrs.) Bob Buttery, Cynthia Buttery, Douglas Buttery, Carl & Rita Chappel, Dolores Gavle, Doug Gable, Dick Esposito, Bill Miller, Gail Miller. (38 Sps.)
- 26, Saturday, Lower Bear Creek to Morrison along foothills to Willow Springs & Lakes of Area. Sadie Morrison, leader. (Very pleasant, slight Breeze, some snow on ground. - 7½ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Mary Cornelius, Vi Hubka, Ferd Kleinschitz, Thompson Marsh, Robert Read, Helen Stiles. (39 Sps.)
- 27, Sunday, Barr and Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, leader. (Cloudy, mild, gusty winds. - 8 hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Bob Glover, Kenneth Hill, Margaret Sikes. (42 Sps.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nyla June Kladder - P.O. Box 1966 - Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

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SPECIES

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FEBRUARY	5	6	12	13	19	20	26	26	27
AREA	ELIZ	CCR	PAWN	RRP	PUEBLO	JACK	BEAR	MORR	BARR
HABITAT	PLN	PLN	PLN	FOOT	PLN	PLN	PLN	FOOT	PLN

SPECIES									
Starling	15	23	3	15	31	70	29	20	107
House Sparrow	72	5	15	25	18	245	10	20	142
Western Meadowlark	7	8	8		8	68	8		86
Redwinged Blackbird					210	125	70	2	531
Brewer's Blackbird						15			
House Finch	15	15		6	4	12	5		53
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	43	Castle Rock		107	on 25th Green Mt .(feeder)	RB			
Black Rosy Finch				6	" "	" "	" "	RB	
Common Redpoll					4	CCRes. HK			
American Goldfinch		1	1		2				6
Red Crossbill							16	Black Forest	BS
Rufous-sided Towhee				1	1	all month Lakewood	JC		
Brown Towhee					10				
Slate-colored Junco				1	1		1	2	1
Oregon Junco	11	5		15	9		21	9	10
Gray-headed Junco	1			12			2	4	
Tree Sparrow	1	21			3	53	2		13
White-crowned Sparrow					13				
White-throated Sparrow							1		
Song Sparrow		11		2	5	6	9	3	4
Lapland Longspur						6			
<u>Snow Bunting</u>		1	on 19th 15 mi. w. of Craig	BA					
TOTAL SPECIES	92	22	28	17	18	51	38	36	17
									42

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: Bobbie Ausfahl, Robert Buttery, John Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Harold Holt, Hugh Kingery, Jack Reddall, Bob Spencer.

GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN CENSUS
 April 15-16 Wray, Colo.

Those who are interested in participating in this census should send in your name and mailing address to Bob Tully, Colorado Game, Fish and Parks Division 6060 Broadway, Denver 80216 by April 3. Advise if you need transportation or wish Tully to make room reservation. Specify night(s). Mr. Tully will send details of trip, motel prices, places to eat, etc. to those who sign up or advise him of interest.

There will be a briefing session on the 14th starting at about 8 pm with a slide show on Prairie Chickens. Also at this time you will be given instructions, procedures on count, assignment of areas for various carloads of participants.

About twenty members signed up for this trip at last month's regular meeting. These people will not have to send in their name again. This should be a very exciting trip and all who participate should see Prairie Chickens.

NOTICE: Anyone who would like to be added to or subtracted from the Rare Bird Alert, please contact Mildred Snyder or Patty Echelmeyer. Also; we would appreciate if you would check back with us, Mildred or Patty, if you do or don't see these Rare birds.

Cornell Nesting Records

The first House Finch egg was laid on March 13th last year. So it is time. The 1972 nesting season should be under way. For Cornell nest record cards or question, please get in touch with me. Nancy Hurley, 1875 South Adams Street, Denver, Colorado 80210. 757 - 0837. LETS MAKE IT A BANNER YEAR!

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NOTICE:

Mrs. Christine Bonney now has a telephone. Anyone wishing to contact her at home can now do so by calling 388 - 8542.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 23, 1972
"A Potpourri on Birds"
by
Don Thatcher

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

APRIL 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- April 1, Saturday, Castlewood Area, Plum Creek, McClelland Reservoir. Thompson Marsh, leader. (Warm, Sunny, little wind, some snow on ground - 8½ Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Lori Chappell, John & Joyce Cooper, Bryan Lewis, Paul & Berniece Merry, Sadie Morrison. (45 Sps.)
- 2, Sunday, Muir Springs, Prewitt & Jackson Reservoirs. Sophia Bogart, leader. (Windy in afternoon, high clouds, warm - 9 Hrs.) Christine Bonney. (41 Sps.)
- 4, Tuesday, St. Vrain Area. Marjorie & John Lett, observers. (Partly cloudy, still & warm. - 3 Hrs.) Two in party. (22 Sps.)
- 5, Rocky Mountain Arsenal grounds, Denver, Colorado. John Cooper & Ron Lestina, leaders. (Warm, Sunny, Light Breeze; Temp. 68-72° - 5 Hrs.) Bobby Ausphal, Merle Barbour, Joanne Baumgartner, Ward Chadwick, Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelmeyer, Pam And Roy Gruver, Darrel Gretz (BSF, Dept. of Interior), Mary Fischer, Bea Merrie, Marge McWilliams. Wednesday, (41 Sps.)
- 8, Saturday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Fair - 8 Hrs.) Christine Bonney, Ted Dement, Beverly Hutchins, Thompson Marsh, Anita & David Matthews, David McCargo, Dorothy & Leon Miller. (41 Sps.)
- 9, Sunday, Barr & Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, leader. (Sunny, warm, 40-75° - 9 Hrs.) Christine Bonney, Sylvia & Bill Brockner, Dr. Ward Chadwick, Lori Chappell, John & Joyce Cooper, Ted Dement, Patty Echelmeyer, Robert Glover, LaVona Holt, Vi Hubka, Dave McCargo, George & Marie Shier, Jack & Grace Welch. (70 Sps.)
- 15, Saturday, Lower Bear Creek, Morrison, Willow Springs & Lakes of Area. Sadie Morrison, leader. (Very Pleasant, Sunny, Very cool Breeze. - 7½ Hrs.) Ward Chadwick, Vi Hubka, Margaret Miller, Ruth Wheeler. (43 Sps.)
- 16, Sunday, Wray, Laird, Bonney Dam. Sophia Bogart, Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Observers. (Clear, warm - 13 Hrs.) (39 Sps.)
- 16, Sunday, Red Rocks park & Morrison. Don Thatcher, leader. (Fair - 3¼ Hrs.) Mrs. Carole Brass, Kim Clark, Robert Glover, Mrs. Louise Gaines, Marjorie Schwartz, Helen Stiles, Mrs. Fern Stiles, Patricia Thorsberg. (20 Sps.)
- 22, Saturday, Franktown Area. John Cooper & Ron Lestina, leaders. (Sunny, War, 55-65°) Bobby Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Lori Chappelle, Joyce Cooper, Mary & Dick Fischer, Vi Hubka, Al Koewing, Patsy Lestina, Susan & Thompson Marsh, Mary Lou Rollins (Denver) Arlene & Carl Parker, Shirley & Bob Spencer, Drew Thurston, Grace & Jack Welch. (39 Sps)
- 22, Saturday, Pueblo, CFI Lakes, Lake DeWeese. Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Dave & Claire Griffith, Dave Silverman, Observers. (Clear-morning, warm, High Cloudiness-afternoon. - 10½ Hrs.) (85 Sps.)
- 23, Sunday, Barr & Mile High Lakes. Jack & Grace Welch, leaders. (Bright Temp. 63° - 9 Hrs.) Carrol Augspurger, Marie De Filippo, Nancy Hurley, Paul & Leslie Julian, Ron Lestina, Bob & Marg. McWilliams, Arnold Silverman, David & Paul, Mildred Snyder, Pat Thorsberg, Ellen Valentine. (81 Sps.)
- 29, Saturday, Dedoevend pk, Daniels pk., Sedalia, McClelland Res. Vi & Henry Bossman, leaders. (Foggy, Muddy, Snow Patches, clearing by noon. - 8½ Hrs.) Thompson & Susan Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Vi Hubka, Merle Barbour, Lori Chappell. (45 Sps.)

APRIL 1972 FIELD TRIPS Cont'd

April 29, Saturday, Rocky Mtn. Arsenal, Baille, Barr Lake, Mile-Hi, Banner Lakes. Christine Bonney, Dave McCargo, Robert Spencer, Observers. (Cool, overcast, snow on ground, becomeing warm, ptly Cloudy - 10 Hrs.) (60 Sps.)

30, Sunday, Waterton. Hugh Kingery, leader. (Partly Cloudy - 10 Hrs.) Bob Andrews, Bobbie Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, John & Joyce Cooper, Patty Echelemeyer, Bob & Yvonne Gibbons, Libby Goodwin, Nancy Hurley, Dave Hutchinson, Lesley Julian, Al Koewing, Sue Merrick, Jack Reddall, Arnie Silverman, Joe Trainor, Jack Welch, Vin & Roberta Winn. (70 Sps.)

APRIL	1	2	4	5	8	9	15	16	16	22	22	23	29	29	30
AREA	PLUM	JACK	ST.V	ARSEN	PAWN	BARR	BEAR	BON	RRP	FRAK	PUEB	BARR	SED	MHOC	WAT
HABITAT	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	FOOT	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN
SPECIES															
<u>Common Loon</u>	(1	<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>										2			
Horned Grebe		22		15	1	4	2	2			5	5			
Eared Grebe						1					5	2	25		
Western Grebe	(12	Cherry Creek Res. JR					6				14	24	50	1	
Pied-billed Grebe				1		3	2				10	5	5		
White Pelican		(60 on 14th Lath Res. ML										87 Prewitt Res. JR			
Double-crested Cormorant		3				43		1				39			
Great Blue Heron		25	5		1	58					3	45		2	7
<u>Green Heron</u>													(1		
<u>Common Egret</u>									(1	Boulder SL	<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>				
Snowy Egret											4				
Black-crowned Night Heron									(1	Barr JR	4	1			
American Bittern											1		(1		
White-faced Ibis									(2	CCRes. TM		4	2		
Canada Goose		2		1		8	28				8	2	7		
<u>Snow Goose</u>						1		30			8				
<u>Ross' Goose</u>											1				
Mallard	18	80	15	50	400	117	12	15		9	25	60	6	15	8
Gadwall	8	104	8	100	8	112	32			16	70	500	4	15	
Pintail	1	317		5	8	110	4				30	25		7	
Green-winged Teal	3	49		10	20	46	10	3			12	3	4	2	5
Blue-winged Teal			2			7	4	2			7	22	2	35	
Jinnamoon Teal						28					10	10	2	6	
American Widgeon	2	69		1	8	101	3				55	43		2	
Shoveler	8	243		15	1	435	34	25		2	26	208		10	
Wood Duck															3
Redhead	24			5	50	2	32				15	6			
Ring-necked Duck	1			15											
Canvasback				15	30			4				2			
Lesser Scaup	15	44		75	40	254	20					310		12	
Common Goldeneye	1	2			2	1					1)	Barr JR			
Bufflehead		3		6	1	19	11					6		2	
Ruddy Duck				75	10	500	1				6	42		60	
Common Merganser	2			20	5	13	4				8		(4)		
Turkey Vulture	(2(F)								9	6(F)			4		
Goshawk				2 on 17th Evergreen DS											
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2					1					1		1		
Cooper's Hawk	1					1					1		1		
Red-tailed Hawk	3			1	3	1				1	2	1	1	2	5
(Kriders Red-tailed Hawk)		1 Waterton HK													
Harlan's Hawk		2) Waterton HK													
Broad-winged Hawk				(1 on 22nd Chatfield NH										1 City Park DT	
Swainson's Hawk										1		1	7		
Rough-legged Hawk			1	4		1			1)	Wiggins JR					
Ferruginous Hawk				1	1							1			
<u>Gray Hawk</u>	<u>See note</u>														
Golden Eagle				1				1			1		1	1	1
Bald Eagle				1) on 23rd Platteville ML											
Marsh Hawk	1	1		3		3								3	1
Osprey									(1	Waterton HK	1	on 16th CCRes. TM			
Prairie Falcon													1	1	1
Sparrow Hawk	5	7	2	4	10	10	2	3	2	2	10	11	10	15	10
Blue Grouse				2 Evergreen DS											
Greater Prairie Chicken									6	Wray					
Bobwhite									17						
Ring-necked Pheasant		8	1	10	3	13		5		1		2		9	5
Chukar				23		27						16			
American Coot	1	1			2	38	30	60			70	318	70		

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AREA	PLUM	JACK	ST.V	ARSEN	PAWN	BARR	BEAR	BON	RRP	FRAK	PUEB	BARR	SED	MHDC	WAT
HABITAT	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	FOOT	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN	PLN
SPECIES															
House Wren										1 Prewitt Res. JR	(6				43
Canon Wren	1(F)								3	1(F)					
Rock Wren										(5	3	2			2
Mockingbird						(1									1
Brown Thrasher												(1			
Sage Thrasher					1	1					2	1			
Robin	25	56	15	2	7	58	36	20	10	8	8	108	14	10	
Hermit Thrush	(1 on 20 S	Denver	PE			2 on 27th	Lakewood	JC			1 on 29th	Waterton	HK		
Swainson's Thrush						(1 on 25th	Platteville	ML							
Western Bluebird	1										1		1		
Mountain Bluebird	16					1	1			15	12		6		
Townsend's Solitaire	2									2(F)	2				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						(2 on 27th	Red Rocks Park	JC							2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						(1		1	1		1				2
Water Pipit											20	1	30 CCRes.	JR	
Cedar Waxwing		11													
Loggerhead Shrike	2				2	1		25			15	8	10	21	
Starling	39	91	20	25	15	113	40	37	6	17	50	110	31	230	21
Black and white Warbler						(1 Barr DT									1
Orange-crowned Warbler						(1 on 21st	Red Rocks Park	JC				5	1	1	12
Nashville Warbler						(1 on 29th	Waterton	HK							
Virginia's Warbler						(1 on 30th	Wheatridge	PE							
Parula Warbler						(1 on 12th	Waterton	JC	1 on 24th	Waterton	RA				
Yellow Warbler															(1
Myrtle Warbler						1 on 16	Prewitt	JR			4	(32		10	16
Audubon's Warbler						(1 NEW EARLY RECORD					15	8	2	3	90
Townsend's Warbler						(1 on 11th N Denver	DT	NEW EARLY RECORD						1	
Yellowthroat											(1 on 29th	CCRes.	JR		3
Wilson's Warbler						(1 On 26th	Wheatridge	PE							
Western Meadowlark	19	128	10	25	35	65	28	150	6	13	25	56	32	250	30
Yellow-headed Blackbird			4 on 8th	MHDC	JR	43						28		300	
Redwinged Blackbird	7	166	13	6	6	3031	22	30		10	115	525	5	600	15
Bullock's Oriole												NEW EARLY RECORD			(1
Brewer's Blackbird									2	2	1	6	7	312	1
Common Grackle		1			2	6	11	10		3	10	10	13	8	51
Brown-headed Cowbird								(8							12
Western Tanager												NEW EARLY RECORD			(1
Indigo Bunting											1				
Lazuli Bunting															(1
Evening Grosbeak			6 on 3rd	Golden	BS			14 on 27	Golden	BS					
House Finch	26					5			2	4	16	1		4	1
Pine Siskin											8		60		10
American Goldfinch						3									2
Green-tailed Towhee												(1			13
Rufous-sided Towhee	3								4	2(F)			8(F)(1		36
Black-throated Sparrow						1 on 18th	5 mi. S. of Longmont	AC							
Savannah Sparrow											10		(11 CCRes.	JR	
Baird's Sparrow											1				
Vesper Sparrow						(3 on 10th	SE Denver	RA	25		10	56	34	18	12
Lark Sparrow													(4 CCRes.	JC	
Slate-colored Junco		2				1)Waterton	HK	3			1				
Oregon Junco	9	3				4			1		4	4			
Gray-headed Junco						70 on 27th	Golden	BS							
Chipping Sparrow						(3 on 10th	SE Denver	RA	2 Prewitt	JR		22		2	4
Clay-colored Sparrow			(1 on 23rd	CCRes.	TM		2 on 26th	CCRes.	JR						
Brewer's Sparrow			NEW EARLY RECORD			(1	1 on 17th	SE Denver	RA				2	3	
Harris' Sparrow							3				2				
White-crowned Sparrow		25					1	4		10	6	107	3	35	43
White-throated Sparrow							1							1)	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1 Barr	JR			2 on 3rd	SE Denver	RA					1			11
Song Sparrow	1	6	1	1		3	7	3		8		10	1	1	16
McCown's Longspur					(10										
TOTAL SPECIES	189	45	41	22	41	41	70	43	39	20	39	85	81	45	70

CORRECTION: The Wilson's Phalarope listed in last month's 'LARK BUNTING' should have read as observed on the 25th instead of the 31st, and observed at Cherry Creek Res. and not Mile High Lakes. Ed.

(first arrival on Denver area plains
) last departure from Denver area plains
(F) foothills

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* GRAY HAWK

An adult in full plumage was observed circling overhead from as close as 50' and calling, by Don Bowman on the Eastern slope of Lookout Mountain, just West of Denver on the 24th of April. Mr. Bowman is very familiar with this species, having studied it in South Western New Mexico. Your editor is well acquainted with Mr. Bowman and considers him an expert on Hawks and Owls. This is a new species for Colorado and a complete write-up will be made to the Colorado Field Ornithologists.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - JUNE 1972

JUNE 3 & 4 - Saturday & Sunday, Pawnee Buttes overnight - Call Nancy Hurley, evenings for information. Ph. 757-0837.

- 3 - Saturday, Eastlake and North to Buckhorn Creek. Dave Hutchinson, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. *
- 4 - Sunday, New Area - Girl Scout Ranch near Red Feather Lakes. Mickey Bidwell, leader. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
- 6 - Tuesday, Ken Caryl Ranch! Ruth Wheeler, leader. Bring lunch if you want to stay all day. Meet at Wadsworth & Jewell (S.W. Corner) at 9:00 A.M. King Soopers Park lot.
- 10 - Saturday, Pueblo. Dave Griffiths, leader. Meet at the Ramada Inn in Pueblo at 8:00 A.M. *
- 11 - Sunday, New Area - Turkey Rock near Westcreek. Robert & Vincent Winn, leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (East Hampden U.S. 285 at So. Logan) at 6:30 A.M. *
- 17 - Saturday, New Area - Near Platteville, Ft. St. Vrain Nuclear generating station property. Ralph Sargent, leader. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
- 18 - Sunday, Rocky Mountain National Park. Warner Reeser, leader. Meet at Lake Estes Power plant at 9:00 A.M. * (Allow about 1½ hours from Denver)
- 24 - Saturday, Evergreen. Bill & Sylvia Brockner, leaders. Bring picnic supper. (beverage provided) listen for owls at dusk at Brockner home. Meet at 1:15 P.M. at Episcopal church parking lot, east side of Evergreen, Highway 74 (opposite Chevron station) *
- 25 - Sunday, Muir Springs and Weldona. Don & Hazel Thatcher, leaders. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History at 6:30 A.M. *

* BRING LUNCH

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Harold Holt, Editor

JUNE 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- June 3-4, Saturday & Sunday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Fair & moderate) Merle Barbour, Harold & LaVona Holt, Anita and David Matthews, Dave McCargo, Hellen Wicks, Evie, Lindy, Rick and Scott Wilt. (74 Sps.)
- 3, Saturday, Clear Creek, S. Platte River, Eastlake, Newell Lake, Boedecker Lake, Buckhorn Canyon. David Hutchinson, leader. (Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M. 59° - 81° - 81½ hrs.) Lori Chappell, George Chase, John & Joyce Cooper, Karen, Becky, Jeff Hutchinson, Bob Spencer, Bito Tursi. (77 Sps.)
- 4, Sunday, Girl Scout Ranch near Red Feather Lakes. Mickey Bidwell, leader. (Sunny A.M. Several Showers P.M. - 6½ hrs.) Dharon Frost (Guest), Al Koewing, Randolph & Lillian McDonough, Vito Tursi. (25 Sps.)
- 6, Tuesday, Ken-Caryl Ranch, including area near factory. Ruth Wheeler, leader. (65° Cloudy to Partly cloudy - 5 hrs.) Merle Barbour, Mickey Bidwell, Helen Bonema, John & Joyce Cooper, Mary Cornelius, Sadie Morrison, Fern Stiles, Vito Tursi. (41 Sps.)
- 10, Saturday, Pueblo-Burnt Mill Road, Wetmore Florence CG, Temple Canyon, Oak Creek CG. Dave Griffiths, leader. (Hot Cumulus clouds - 11 hrs.) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, George Chase, Patty Echelmeyer, Sam Gadd, Gary & Ruby Haulman, Al Koewing, Ron Lestina, Cicely Mellor, Doug Messlage, Jack Reddall, Mike & Lois Schultz, Van Truan. (65 Sps.)
- 11, Sunday, WestCreek, Turkey Rock. To Divide. Vincent Winn, leader. (Partly Cloudy, Short Shower, 60's & 70's - 9½ hrs.) Merle Barbour, Kristin Graves, Barbara Korpi, Viona Wine, Roberta Winn. (31 Sps.)
- 17, Saturday, Ft. St. Vrain Nuclear Stn. Property. Ralph Sargent, leader. (Clear A.M., P.M. Partly Cloudy 85° - 6 hrs.) Doris Anderson, Merle Barbour, Martin C. Bedado, Jeannie Benson, Del Benson, Helen Bonnema, Lori Chappell, Mary Cornelius, Al Koewing, Dr. Ron Ryder and family, Martha Ann Weber. (42 Sps.)
- 18, Sunday, Estes Park, Rock Mountain National Park. Warner Reeser, leader. (Cloudy, Rainy - 6 hrs.) Wilma Allen, Phyllis Caswell, Ward & Margo Chadwick, George Chase, Ruth Deffenbaugh, Margaret Gallup, Al Koewing, Mary Liebig, Sadie Morrison, Bess Phelan, David Plank, Ruth Reeser, Slim Roethle, Arnold & Bonnie Silverman (Jeff David & Paul), Rich & Evy Wilt (Scott & Lindy). (39 Sps.)
- > 24, Saturday, Evergreen. Sylvia Brockner, leader. (Clear-Cloudy) Merle Barbour, Sophia Bogart, Mrs. Peter Bonnema, Christine Bonney, Winston Brockner, Margo Chadwick, Dr. Ward Chadwick, Lorraine Chappell, Joyce Cooper, John Cooper, Mary Cornelius, Roger B. Davies, Mrs. Roger DeVies, Ronald Lestina, Mrs. Lestina, Randolph McDonough, Lillian McDonough, Cicely Mellor, Prof. Sidney Posel, Mrs. Ruth Hoppino (Evergreen Naturalists) (35 Sps.)
- 25, Sunday, Fort Morgan & Weldona. Don Thatcher, leader. (Fair - Hot - 7 hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Mrs. Arlene McKinney, Janet Redfield, Mary Robinson, Mrs. Esther Hapiro, Hazel Thatcher. (38 Sps.)

JUNE AREA HABITAT	3-4 PAWN PLN	3 NORTH PLN	4 SCOUT FOOT	6 KCR FOOT	10 PUEB	11 WC MTS	17 ST.V PLN	18 RMNP MTS	24 EVER FOOT	25 WELD PLN
SPECIES										
Eared Grebe	1									
Western Grebe	2	10								
Pied-billed Grebe	2	13		1			1			
D. - c. Cormorant		12								
Great Blue Heron		9					6			
Snowy Egret		1								
B.-c. Night Heron		1					1			
Canada Goose		64								
Mallard	32	75		13		7	1			
Gadwall	4	18		4						
Pintail	4	2								
Green-winged Teal	4	1								
Blue-winged Teal	1	12		1			1			
Cinnamon Teal							1			
American Widgeon		2								
Shoveler	30	3								
Redhead		25								
Canvasback		1)								
Ruddy Duck	5	11								
Turkey Vulture	1		1		12			1	3	
Mississippi Kite		2 on 3rd LaJuanta (SE Colo.) JR								
Goshawk									1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1							
Red-tailed Hawk	3		2		2		1	2	1	
Swainson's Hawk	3									1
Golden Eagle	2									
Marsh Hawk	1									
Prairie Falcon	1									
Sparrow Hawk	6	20		1	14		8			1
Bobwhite										2
Scaled Quail					1					
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	1					2			1
American Coot	30	56		3			2			
Killdeer	10	18		3			6	1		2
Mountain Plover	13									
Long-billed Curlew	3									
Spotted Sandpiper	2						1			1
American Avocet	4	13								
Wilson's Phalarope	3									
Ring-billed Gull	2	55								
Franklin's Gull	8	27								
Forster's Tern		22								
Black Tern	5									
Band-tailed Pigeon					2		2 on 29th Baca Co.(SE Colo.) LW			
Rock Dove		25		6	10		10			
Mourning Dove	110	165		12	50	2	30	3	4	30
147 Roadrunner		2 on 3rd LaJuanta (SE Colo.) JR								
Great Horned Owl	3		1				10			
Burrowing Owl	5									
Poor-will	1									
8 Common Nighthawk	8			1	4				1	1
White-throated Swift		3(F)		4	3	4				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		15(F)	4	1		12		7	2	
Belted Kingfisher		8			2	1				1
Red-shafted Flicker	4	11	4	2	4		40	1	1	6
Red-headed Woodpecker	2	2					10			1
Lewis' Woodpecker		2			9					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						1		5		
Williamson's Sapsucker						6			1	
Hairy Woodpecker						1	1			
Downy Woodpecker					2	1		1		
Eastern Kingbird	10	17			1		10			3
Western Kingbird	40	12			30		1			8
Cassin's Kingbird					6					
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher					1					
Ash-throated Flycatcher					2					
81 Black Phoebe					2					
Say's Phoebe	2			3	7					1
Traill's Flycatcher						1				
Least Flycatcher					1					
Gray Flycatcher					4					
Empidonax (sp)										

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SPECIES										
Western Flycatcher	2								1	
Western Wood Pewee	2	21	2	3	7		1	3	1	
Olive-sided Flycatcher								1	1	
Horned Lark	200				15					20
Violet-green Swallow		5(F)		6		10		15	10	
Tree Swallow			15			5		7		
Bank Swallow		7					2			
Rough-winged Swallow		8					4			1
Barn Swallow	14	195	20		30		10			10
Cliff Swallow	302	100		56	700					40
Blue Jay	1						6			
Steller's Jay			4		1	1		5	8	
Scrub Jay				2	3					
Black-billed Magpie	6	215		2	30	1	20	16		12
Common Raven						2		2	2	
Common Crow	1	2		3		2			1	
Pinon Jay					9					
Black-capped Chickadee		7	3	1	4	4	4			6
Mountain Chickadee								4	10	
Plain Titmouse					2					
Common Bushtit					5					
White-breasted Nuthatch						1			2	
Pigmy Nuthatch								2	6	
Brown Creeper									1(mts)	
Dipper						1				
House Wren	2	1	5		15	6	50	14	1	2
Canon Wren		1(F)		2						
Rock Wren	1	1			3					
Mockingbird	4				20					3
Catbird		2			1					
Brown Thrasher	3	2					6			3
Sage Thrasher	1									
Robin	2	32	35	10		8	10	20	16	2
Hermit Thrush		1(F)								
Swainson's Thrush	10)									
Western Bluebird					1					
Mountain Bluebird			4		5	2		4		
Townsend's Solitaire									1	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher					2					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1			2		1	8	
Cedar Waxwing		1(F)								
Loggerhead Shrike	6	2			4					4
Starling	2	41		3	75		100	2		30
Gray Vireo					1					
Solitary Vireo	1				1	1				
Red-eyed Vireo	2				1					
Warbling Vireo					1	7		2		
Virginia's Warbler					1		2 on 15th Red Rocks Park HH			
Yellow Warbler	2	47		4	5		2			
Myrtle Warbler									1	
Audubon's Warbler	1		2			2		4	1	
Macgillivray's Warbler			1					1		
Yellowthroat	1	53					30			5
Yellow-breasted Chat				1						
Wilson's Warbler		2 (F)	1					3		
American Redstart		11 (F)								
House Sparrow	20	153		2	20					10
Western Meadowlark	70	276		22	85		50			35
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3	91					20			
Redwinged Blackbird	32	213	6	4	7		40	1		10
Orchard Oriole										1
Bullock's Oriole	3	34	2	6	16		8			
Brewer's Blackbird		11		7		3		2		
Common Grackle	4	41		1	10		5	4		30
B.-h. Cowbird	3	9		3	15		3			10
Western Tanager					1			1	1	
Black-headed Grosbeak		5 (F)			2				2	
Blue Grosbeak					2					2
Indigo Bunting		3								
Indigo-Lazuli Hybrid							2			
Lazuli Bunting		2(F)		7	1		6			

June	3-4	3	4	6	10	11	17	18	24	25
AREA	PAWN	NORTH	SCOUT	KCR	PUEB	WC	ST.V	RMNP	EVER	WELD
HABITAT	PLN	PLN	FOOT	FOOT		MTS	PLN	MTS	FOOT	PLN

SPECIES

Evening Grosbeak									18	
Cassin's Finch								4		
House Finch		16		2	20			6	1	4
Pine Siskin		3(F)	10		1	2		13	6	
American Goldfinch	1	37(F)		4			2			
Lesser Goldfinch		6(F)			6					
Red Crossbill									20	
Green-tailed Towhee	LATE DATE	1) 1 on 15	Englewood feeder	MB	1			1	2	
Rufous-sided Towhee			7	5						
Brown Towhee				4						
Lark Bunting	200			1			1			10
Vesper Sparrow	1	3		2				3		
Lark Sparrow	15	1		1	25					8
Cassin's Sparrow										1
Black-throated Sparrow					5					
Gray-headed Junco			2			3		2	6	
Chipping Sparrow		7	1		30				1	
White-crowned Sparrow	1							2		
Song Sparrow		14	3	4		2	4	1		
McCown's Longspur	50									
Chestnut-colored Longspur	1									
TOTAL SPECIES	164	74	77	25	41	65	31	42	39	35
		(F) foothills		(Mts) high mountains						) last departure from plains area

9 ADDITION TO May REPORT: 2 Cattle Egret near Milton Res on May 20. Vi and Henry Bossman.

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ATTENTION:

Arsenal trip on Wednesday July 26th, Ron Lestina, leader, has been cancelled due to Security Tightening. SORRY!

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - AUGUST 1972

- AUGUST 5, Saturday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. * *mrs. Crane*
- 6, Sunday, Scott Gomer Creek area. Mary Robinson, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. Some Hiking *
- 12, Saturday, Castlewood Dam & Jackson Creek. Bob Spencer, leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. *
- 13, Sunday, Rocky Mountain National Park (Hopefully Ptarmigan) Mary Cornelius & Merle Barbour, leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. or at Lake Estes Power Plant around 8:45 A.M. *
- 18 & 19, Friday & Sat, New Area out of Eads - Camping or Motel - meet Friday night - Call Patty Echelmeyer at 233 - 4947 after August 1st for further information. Dave Griffith, leader.
- 20, Sunday, South Park & Como. Marian & Joe Borden, leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. * *Jo Estes & Betty Weisman*
- 22, Tuesday, Foothills. Visitors Welcome. Bobby Aufahl, leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:00 A.M. * *Jo & Betty*
- 26, Saturday, Barr Lake and Mile High area. Harold Holt, leader. Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. Shorebirds returning. *
- 27, Sunday, Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, leader. Meet at 25th & Sheridan at 7:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ Day.

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JULY 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- JULY 1-2, Saturday & Sunday, Bailey Nesting Area, Blue River. Sophia Bogart, leader. (Fair except hail storm P.M. on 1st - 24 hrs.) Christine Bonney, Al Koewing, Mike Linshaw, Linda Hiner. (30 Sps.)
- 8, Saturday, South Park - Mountains. Carol Hack, leader. (Clear to partly cloudy, calm, 45 - 68° - 8 Hrs.) Fern Hack, Al Koewing, Jim Lane. (36 Sps.)
- 9, Sunday, Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, leader. (Fair) Patty Echelmeyer, Tom and Virginia Faxon, James Lane, Arlene Parker, Mrs. Esther Shapiro. (34 Sps.)
- 15-16, Saturday & Sunday, Areas 10 miles North of Florissant. Merle Richmond, leader. Weather 60°, partly cloudy A.M. Windy Sunny P.M.) Roy & Pam Grover, Harold & LaVona Holt, Al & Jane Koewing, Jim Lane, Marty Mathews, Floyd Pendell, Richard Thompson, Rick & Evie Wilt, Vincent & Roberta Winn, Dorothy Winn. (53 Sps.)
- 15, Saturday, Mt. Evans area incl. Bergan Park Area. Lynn Willcockson, leader. (Cloudy, foggy & misty with very restricted visibility at times no better than 50 yards. This existed up to about 12,000 feet. Above 12,000 ft. at Summit Lake weather was partly cloudy. Temp. 50-60° - 8 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Ward & Margo Chadwick, John & Joyce Cooper, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Vi Hubka, (23 Sps.)
- 16, Sunday, Arsenal, Vail, Barr and Mile High. Sophia Bogart, leader. (Clear, Cloudy in afternoon. 85° - 8 Hrs.) Christine Bonney, John & Joyce Cooper, Tom & Virginia Faxon. (55 Sps.)
- 19, Wednesday, Red Rocks/ Genesee Mtn. Park. Don Thatcher, leader. (Fair, Hot.) Merle Barbour, Mary Cornelius, Mrs. Karen Ringsby, Robert Rolander, Patricia Thorsberg. (46 Sps.)
- 22, Saturday, Pine Cliff & Eldora, Middle Boulder Creek. Sadie Morrison, leader. (Warm, few clouds, very little breeze. - 6½ Hrs.) Gail Shickley, leader. Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Phyllis Caswell, Ward & Margo Chadwick, Mary Cornelius, Margaret Denny, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Vi Hubka, Jim Lane, Cecily Mellor, Edith Schmeckel. (41 Sps.)
- 23, Sunday, Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Fair, Moderate. - 8 Hrs.) Christine Bonney, Jim Lane, Sadie Morrison. (44 Sps.)
- 29, Saturday, Deer Creek Area, Tiny Town, Willow Springs Ranch. Sadie Morrison, leader. (Substituting for Tim Gates.) (Hot, no clouds, little breeze - 7½ Hrs.) Jerry Appelbaum, Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Mary Cornelius, Robin Kelly, Bob Reed, J.E.M. and Elizabeth Wood. (37 Sps.)
- 30, Sunday, Ken Caryl Ranch. Margo & Ward Chadwick, leaders. (Sunny 72-95° - 5 Hrs.) Doris Anderson, Bobbie Ausfahl, Christine Bonney, Vi Hubka, Cecily Mellor, Jane Newcomb. (35 Sps.)

CORRECTION: Last month's issue, volume 7, No 10, should have read July not June.

The June issue, volume 7, No 9, erroneously listed the Boulder Audubon Society as the group which conducted the Boulder area Spring Count. We would like to correct this error by giving the credit for this count to the Boulder Bird Club who's members and guests did a great job compiling this count. ED.

JULY	1-2	8	9	15-16	15	15	16	19	19	22	23	29	30
AREA	GORE	SP	RRP	FLOR	BERG	EVAN	BARR	RRP	GEN	ELD	PAWN	DEER	KCR
HABITAT	MTS	MTS	FOOT	MTS	FOOT	MTS	PLN	FOOT	FOOT	MTS	PLN	FOOT	FOOT
SPECIES													
Western Grebe	2 on <u>Sloan's Lake</u> to 20th JL						5						
Double-crested Cormorant							32						
Great Blue Heron							13				1		
<u>Green Heron</u>	1 on 4th Muir Springs(Fort Morgan) JR												
Black-crowned Night Heron							2						
American Bittern							1						
Canada Goose							6						
Mallard				1			9			1			
Gadwall							2						
Pintail							5						
Blue-winged Teal							7						1
Cinnamon Teal							1						
American Widgeon							1						
Shoveler							1				1		
Lesser Scaup						1 Grover(Weld County) JR							
Turkey Vulture				1									
Goshawk				1									
Cooper's Hawk				1									
Red-tailed Hawk	2			1							1		
(Krider's) Red-tail						1 on 24th Cherry Creek Reservoir JR							
Swainson's Hawk						3					5		
Ferruginous Hawk											3		
Golden Eagle			1										1
Marsh Hawk											2		1
Sparrow Hawk	1						11	2			5		5
Bobwhite						17 on 4th Muir Springs JR							
Ring-necked Pheasant							2				1		
Chukar							1 (Arsenal)						
Virginia Rail				2 with 1 downy young on 24th CCR JR									
Sora				2									
American Coot							52						
<u>Semipalmated Plover</u>	<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u> (1 on 24th CCR & 2 on 25th JR												
Killdeer	2						21			2	3		
Mountain Plover											12		
Common Snipe	1												
Long-billed Curlew											1		
Spotted Sandpiper	2			2			2			1	1		1
Solitary Sandpiper						2 Grover JR				(1 on 24th CCR JR			
Willet	1 on 4th & 4 on 15th Grover JR									(55 on 24th CCR JR			
Greater Yellowlegs	<u>14</u> on 4th Grover JR						(3						
Lesser Yellowlegs	3 on 4th & 25 on 15th Grover JR									(2 on 24th CCR JR			
Pectoral Sandpiper						1 Grover JR							
Baird's Sandpiper							(15				2		
Least Sandpiper						12 Grover JR				(3 on 24th CCR JR			
Long-billed Dowitcher						4 Grover JR				(2 on 24th CCR JR			
Stilt Sandpiper										(4 on 24th CCR JR			
Semipalmated Sandpiper						12 Grover JR				(30 on 24th CCR JR			
Western Sandpiper						1 Grover JR				(100 on 24th CCR JR			
Marbled Godwit	9 on <u>4th</u> & 13 on <u>15th</u> Grover JR									(9 on <u>25th</u> CCR JR	<u>ALL EARLY</u>		
<u>Sanderling</u>						<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u> (5 on 25th CCR JR							
American Avocet							5				1		
Ring-billed Gull							3						1
Franklin's Gull	(4 on 6th Denver HH						3						
Black Tern						21 on 24th CCR JR							
Band-tailed Pigeon				3									
Rock Dove							2	50					15
Mourning Dove			2	1			50	6	1	3	50		7
Yellow-billed Cuckoo						1 Weldona JR							
Great Horned Owl	1	1											
Owl (Flammulated)?						1 (Most likely as it was small and dark as observed in headlights in flammulated habitat)							
Burrowing Owl							2				6		
Common Nighthawk				4							4		
<u>Black Swift</u>										1 on <u>Mt Evans</u> on 24th DS			
White-throated Swift			6					10				6	
Broad-tailed Humm-	12	2		9						18		12	3
Rufous Hummingbird	(1 on 9th Bailey NH 2									6			
Belted Kingfisher				1			3						
Yellow-shafted Flicker						1 <u>Evergreen</u> DS							
Red-shafted Flicker	2	2	3	2			7	1		1	1	4	
Red-headed Woodpecker							2						

JULY	1-2	8	9	15-16	15	15	16	19	19	22	23	29	30
AREA S	GORE	SP	RRP	FLOR	BERG	EVAN	BARR	RRP	GEN	ELD	PAWN	DEER	KCR
HABITAT	MTS	MTS	FOOT	MTS	FOOT	MTS	PLN	FOOT	FOOT	MTS	PLN	FOOT	FOOT
SPECIES													
Yellow-bellied Sap--	2	7		6						4			
Williamson's Sapsucker				2									
Hairy Woodpecker				1						1			
Downy Woodpecker			2	1				3					
Northern 3 toed Wood-							1 on 29th Georgia Pass			HH			
Eastern Kingbird							16				6		1
Western Kingbird							56				50		2
Say's Phoebe			1	1				1					2
Traill's Flycatcher				1							2		
Hammond's Flycatcher		3					2 on 29th Georgia Pass			HH			
Dusky Flycatcher										1			
Western Flycatcher	1			1					1	1		8	
Western Wood Pewee	2	1		5	1					1		2	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	3	2			1					1		1	
Horned Lark		4					12				200		15
Violet-green Swallow	4		12	12				22		2		6	5
Tree Swallow	2	30				1				4			
Bank Swallow		Large colony W. Florida & river. JL					1						
Barn Swallow			1	1			27			1	20	1	
Cliff Swallow	1	5	1				1	13			20	15	11
Gray Jay	1	5		2									
Blue Jay		Few in Denver HH											
Steller's Jay				2	2				4	6		1	
Scrub Jay			1					2				2	
Black-billed Magpie			4		1		67	6		4	4	1	31
Common Raven		3		3									
Common Crow	1				1					2		5	
Clark's Nutcracker				1		1				2			
Black-capped Chickadee			2	6			15	2				12	3
Mountain Chickadee	4	3		15	4				4	1		6	
White-breasted Nuthatch				1					1				
Red-breasted Nuthatch				5									
Pigmy Nuthatch				6	5				8			1	
Brown Creeper									1				
Dipper	1									4			
House Wren	1	2		15	3		5			3		8	
Canon Wren			2					3				2	3
Catbird			5					5				8	
Brown Thrasher											1		
Sage Thrasher							(3	1			15		
Robin	9	6	6	14	3	2	7	12	2	2	1	6	11
Hermit Thrush	2	3		8		4			2				
Mountain Bluebird		5		6						3			3
Townsend's Solitaire	2			3					1			2	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	2		2		1							
Water Pipit						6							
Loggerhead Shrike											15		
Starling			12				108				6	1	15
Solitary Vireo									1				
Warbling Vireo	6	1	3	1				3		1		3	
Virginia's Warbler			5					4				12	
Yellow Warbler		3	6					3		1			
Audubon's Warbler	8	10		2	1				1				
MacGillivray's Warbler										1		1	1
Yellowthroat							15						
Yellow-breasted Chat			8					8				3	
Wilson's Warbler	12	11		1		3							
House Sparrow							36				12	6	
Western Meadowlark		1	4				31	2			75	4	21
Yellow-headed Blackbird							12						
Redwinged Blackbird		4		2			52			12	8	6	
Orchard Oriole	2 on 4th & 2 on 15th Muir Springs JR												
Bullock's Oriole			9				34				3		
Brewer's Blackbird		9					1	3		15		1	
Common Grackle							2				6		
Brown-headed Cowbird		4	9		1			1		2	3		25
Western Tanager				2				2	4	2			
Black-headed Grosbeak			2					2			1	8	6
Blue Grosbeak													
Lazuli Bunting			8					11				3	3
Indigo-Lazuli(Hybrid)			2					2					
Evening Grosbeak										4			1
Cassin's Finch	2	3								7			
House Finch			9				156	12				1	3

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July	1-2	8	9	15-16	15	15	16	19	19	22	23	29	30
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HABITAT	MTS	MTS	FOOT	MTS	FOOT	MTS	PLN	FOOT	FOOT	MTS	PLN	FOOT	FOOT
SPECIES													
Pine Grosbeak	3	6											
Brown-capped Rosy Finch						7							
Pine Siskin	26	8		13				2	3	12		6	17
American Goldfinch								2					
Lesser Goldfinch			4					3				12	5
Red Crossbill				18	1			40	20	25			
Green-tailed Towhee			2	1				1		2			
Rufous-sided Towhee			11	1				18				10	9
Lark Bunting							118				1000		
Cassin's Sparrow	8 on 4th Weld & Morgan Counties JR												
Savannah Sparrow		6							15 on 24 CCR JR				
Vesper Sparrow		6										1	11
Lark Sparrow							4				50		8
Gray-headed Junco	3	17		11		3			6				
Chipping Sparrow			1	6	6		2	4		1	10	1	5
Brewer's Sparrow											6		
White-crowned Sparrow	14	9				9							
Lincoln's Sparrow	20	3		12		2				6			
Song Sparrow			1	2						3			2
McCown's Longspur											25		
Chestnut-collared Longspur											4		
TOTAL SPECIES	166	30	36	34	53	13	11	55	35	16	41	44	35

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SEPTEMBER 2,3,4, Labor Day Weekend. No scheduled trips.

- 9, Saturday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sue Merrick, leader. Meet at 6:30 at Dry Creek Shopping Center. (Dry Creek Shopping Center is located at the corner of South Logan and the East Hampden Freeway (U.S. 285) in Englewood.)*
- 10, Sunday, 1/2 Day. Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, leader. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at 25th and Sheridan.
- 16, Saturday, Banner Lakes Etc. Sophia Bogart, leader. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History. *
- 17, Sunday, 1/2 Day. Bear Creek Area. Jean White, leader. Meet at 1:00 P.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center.
- 23, Saturday, Pawnee Buttes. Nancy Hurley, leader. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History. *
- 24, Sunday, Barr Lake and Mile High Area. Harold Holt, leader. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Museum of Natural History. *
- 30, Saturday, Deer Creek. Merle Barbour & Helen Bonnema, leaders. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center. *

* BRING LUNCH

Anyone interested in participating in another Fall Count in the "BBHMP" triangle. (Barr, Banner, Horse Creek, Mile High, Prospect.) Please contact Harold Holt, 936-8845. Before Sept. 9th.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 26, 1972
Motion Picture
"Alaskan Wildlife"
By
Howard Wegnall

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

AUGUST 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- August 5, Saturday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Fair - 7 Hrs.)
Jerry Applebaum, Ted Carhart, Mary Crave, Robin Kelly, Jim Lane, Dorothy & Leon
Meller, Capt. and Mrs. Woods. (35 Sps.)
- 6, Sunday, Scot Gomer Creek, Mt. Evans Quad. Mary Robinson, leader. (Very Sunny -
7 3/4 Hrs.) Christine Bonney, Maggie Denny, Al Koewing, Jim Lane, Marie & George
Shier. (23 Sps.)
- 12, Saturday, Parker, Castlewood, Jackson Creek. Robert Spencer, leader. (Hot, mostly
calm, few clouds - 9 Hrs.) Ruth Anderson, Johnny Appelbaum, Merle Barbour, Robbin
Kelly, Jim Lane, Cicely Mellor, Mary Robinson, Fern Stiles, Helen Stiles, Vito
Tursi (51 Sps.)
- 13, Sunday, Rocky Mountain National Park. Merle Barbour & Mary Cornelius, leaders.
(Clear - Warm 72-85° - 8 1/2 Hrs.) Marian Fernandez, Ruth Deffenlaugh, Ruth Reeser,
Warren Reeser, All of Estes Park. Tom Wood & Libby Wood of Maryland. Doris Anderson
Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, Margo & Ward Chadwick, Sadie Morrison, Ken &
Kathryn Whipple. (28 Sps.)
- 19, Saturday, Ead's Lakes, Cheraw Lake and Lajunta. Dave Griffiths, leader. (Clear,
warm A.M., Rain showers P.M. 91° - 13 1/2 Hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Helen Bonnema, Merle
Barbour, John Griffiths, Jim Lane, Helen Pearson. (80 Sps.)
- 20, Sunday, Grant, Kanosha Pass, South Park. Marion & Joe Borden, leaders. (Clear-
Bright - 7 1/2 Hrs.) J.E. & Elizabeth Wood, Annapolis, Md. Betty Waitzman, Lake Oswego
Oregon. Josephine R. Estes, Westchester, Pa. Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Bill
& Jeanne Cassell, Jim Lane, Robin Kelly, Cicely Mellor. (49 Sps.)
- 22, Tuesday, Ideldale, O'Fallon Park, Red Rocks. Bobby Aushfahl, leader. (Warm,
Sunny - 7 1/2 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, Josephine Estes, Pa. Jim Lane,
Bart & Mariann Lewis, Los Angeles, Calif. Betty Weitzman, Oregon. Mary Jane Schock.
(45 Sps.)
- 26, Saturday, Barr Lake and Mile High Area. Harold Holt, leader. (Fair, Ptly Cldy.
85° - 9 Hrs.) Libby Goodwin, Brain Lewis, Dorothy Orians, all of Boulder Audubon
Society. Christine Bonney, Vi & Henry Bossman, Margo & Ward Chadwick, Josephine
Estes, Westchester, Pa. Bob Glover, Pam & Roy Gruver, LaVona Holt, Vi Hebka, Robin
Kelly, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Cicely Mellor, Sue Merrick, Jane Newcomb, Bob Spencer,
Barbara & Roger Uittenbogaard. (93 Sps.)
- 27, Sunday, Red Rocks Park. Bob Buttery, leader. (Partly Cloudy, 59-75° - 4 Hrs.)
Bill & Jewell Henrichs, Jim Lane. (33 Sps.)

AUGUST	5	6	12	13	19	20	22	26	27
AREA	PAWN	EVAN	CAST	RMNP	EADS	SP	IDEL	BARR	RRP
HABITAT	PLN	MTS	FOOT	MTS	PLN	MTS	FOOT	PLN	FOOT
SPECIES									
Horned Grebe						1			
Western Grebe								4	
Pied-billed Grebe								4	
<u>White Pelican</u>						<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>		28	
Double-crested Cormorant					21			19	
Great Blue Heron					15			23	
<u>Green Heron</u>					1				
(9) <u>Cattle Egret</u>					1				
Snowy Egret								5	
Black-crowned Night Heron					8			36	
Canada Goose								18	
Mallard					2	3		3000	
Gadwall								5	
Pintail					95			42	
Green-winged Teal					80	1		1	
Blue-winged Teal					20			10	
Cinnamon Teal					2			1	
American Widgeon								14	
Shoveler								35	
Ruddy Duck					7			2	
Turkey Vulture			4		1				
<u>Mississippi Kite</u>					3 (LaJunta)				
Goshawk							2 Evergreen DS		
Red-tailed Hawk			6				1	1	
Swainson's Hawk	9		3		8			4	
Ferruginous Hawk					1				
Golden Eagle						1			
Marsh Hawk	4				4			2	
Prairie Falcon	1		1					1	
Sparrow Hawk	13		3		2	2	1	4	2
Blue Grouse					6 on 16th Evergreen DS				
White-tailed Ptarmigan				12					
Scaled Quail					2				
Ring-necked Pheasant	8							1	
Chukar								2	
Virginia Rail					3(2ad.-1imm.) on 1st Cherry Creek Res. JR				1
(158) Sora					2 on 1st CCR JR				
American Coot						15		32	
Semipalmated Plover			2 on 10th CCR TM		1			3	
<u>Snowy Plover</u>					2				
Killdeer	1		6		57			128	1
Mountain Plover	65								
Black-bellied Plover					7				
Common Snipe								1	
Long-billed Curlew					6				
Spotted Sandpiper					1			1	
Solitary Sandpiper			3 on 1st CCR JR	1	4			1	
Greater Yellowlegs					4			3	
Lesser Yellowlegs					5			7	
Pectoral Sandpiper					1				
(155) <u>White-rumped Sandpiper</u>					3				
Baird's Sandpiper					25			150	
Least Sandpiper					2			20	
Long-billed Dowitcher					8			30	
Stilt Sandpiper					20			4	
Semipalmated Sandpiper					30			2	
Western Sandpiper					5			18	
Sanderling					1			2	
American Avocet	2							11	
Black-necked Stilt					3				
Wilson's Phalarope					135			8	
California Gull								28	
Ring-billed Gull								12	
Franklin's Gull					450			412	
Black Tern		3 Lakewood RS			75				
Rock Dove			2				5	12	300
Mourning Dove	150		16		250		4	400	2
Great Horned Owl					2		1	1	
Burrowing Owl	7				1			14	
Common Nighthawk	30				15				
Chimney Swift					5 (LaJunta)				
White-throated Swift			4						34

AUGUST	5	6	12	13	19	20	22	26	27
AREA	PAWN	EVAN	CAST	RMNP	EADS	SP	IDEL	BARR	RRP
HABITAT	PLN	MTS	FOOT	MTS	PLN	MTS	FOOT	PLN	FOOT
SPECIES									
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		3	4	1		5	7		2
Rufous Hummingbird						2	4		1
Calliope Hummingbird			1 on 8th Evergreen DS						
Belted Kingfisher			2		1		2	1	
Red-shafted Flicker	1	2				3		6	4
Red-headed Woodpecker					1			1	
Lewis' Woodpecker			3						
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						2			
Hairy Woodpecker						5			
Downy Woodpecker			1		1		2	2	
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker						3			
Eastern Kingbird	20		7		4			4	
Western Kingbird	100		13		75	1	1	23	
Ash-throated Flycatcher								(1	
Say's Phoebe	2						1	1	3
Traill's Flycatcher	3								
Western Flycatcher					1				
Empidonax								2	1
Western Wood Pewee	3	3	3	7	7		2	4	4
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1					(2	
Horned Lark	50	30	7	2	150				
Violet-green Swallow				5					
Bank Swallow					1			8	
Rough-winged Swallow			2					26	
Barn Swallow	20		5	1	50	1	28	116	
Cliff Swallow					1		3		4
Gray Jay		5		2		1			
Blue Jay	Fairly common in Denver				1			1	
Steller's Jay		1	1	6		2	2		
Scrub Jay			7	1 on 31st N. Denver DT			2		7
Black-billed Magpie	12		14	3	5	3	8	53	9
White-necked Raven					15				
Common Raven				2		2	3		
Common Crow					10	10			
Clark's Nutcracker		2		18		1			
Black-capped Chickadee		1	6		1		8	12	2
Mountain Chickadee		26		6		3	1		
White-breasted Nuthatch	2					1		(1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2		(1 on 30th N. Denver DT			
Pigmy Nuthatch			1			1	25		
Dipper							1		
House Wren		1	5	10	4	7	2		4
Canon Wren				1					6
Mockingbird					8				1
Catbird							1		12
Brown Thrasher	1				6				
Sage Thrasher	1					1		1	4
Robin	1	10	11	3	4	1	7	1	16
Western Bluebird					12 on 18th Rampart Range DS				
Mountain Bluebird						150			
Townsend's Solitaire		1		1		1	2		
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		7				1			
Water Pipit				3					
Cedar Waxwing							7		
* Northern Shrike			1 on 17th Evergreen DS (see note)						
Loggerhead Shrike	26		2		12			10	
Starling	6		6			3	42	90	6
Solitary Vireo							1		
Warbling Vireo						1	2		
Orange-crowned Warbler				2			(2 (foothills)		
Nashville Warbler			(1 on 12 Evergreen DS (foothills)					2	
Virginia's Warbler							8		11
Yellow Warbler			2	1	2		2	1	
Audubon's Warbler		11		1		1	21		
Ovenbird					(1 Wheatridge PE				
Northern Waterthrush								(1	
MacGillivray's Warbler			(1 on 21st Wheatridge PE					1	
Yellowthroat			1					5	
Yellow-breasted Chat									1
Wilson's Warbler		6			35	(1 Denver HH			
American Redstart					1	1 on 31st Mt. Goliath 12,000 ft. JL			

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	5 PAWN PLN	6 EVAN MTS	12 CAST FOOT	13 RMNP MTS	19 EADS PLN	20 SP MTS	22 IDEL FOOT	26 BARR PLN	27 RRP FOOT
SPECIES									
House Sparrow	25		40	1		1	6	100	
Western Meadowlark	50		20		28	5		42	8
Yellow-headed Blackbird					4				
Redwinged Blackbird	30		25		12	5		22	
Bullock's Oriole	6		1		27				1
Brewer's Blackbird			2			250		4	
Common Grackle					1			2	
Brown-headed Cowbird			1		6	1			
Western Tanager	1								
Black-headed Grosbeak			1				2	1	
Blue Grosbeak			1		14			1	
Indigo Bunting			3						
Lazuli Bunting							2		
Evening Grosbeak							10		
Cassin's Finch						8			
House Finch			9					62	31
Pine Grosbeak						1			
Brown-capped Rosy Finch				1					
Pine Siskin		2	1	1		35	15		
American Goldfinch			4		4	2	3	1	6
Lesser Goldfinch			4				7		4
Red Crossbill		5		2 on 13th Littleton VW			12 N. Denver on 26-28th DT		
Green-tailed Towhee			6				1		12
Rufous-sided Towhee							3		43
Lark Bunting	400	1 on 6th on top of Guanella Pass, 12,000 ft.	30		400		JL	182	
Savannah Sparrow		4			8	5		1	4
Vesper Sparrow	2		4			10		14	
Lark Sparrow			4		16	4		3	
<u>Oregon Junco</u>			1 (Early, even for mountain area)						
Gray-headed Junco		6		3		75			
Chipping Sparrow	50	5		7				8	6
<u>Clay-colored Sparrow</u>			(1 <u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>					2	
Brewer's Sparrow						4 Evergreen DS		9	
White-crowned Sparrow		20		2		4			
<u>Fox Sparrow</u>						2			
Lincoln's Sparrow		5				1			
Song Sparrow							1	2	
McCown's Longspur	20								
TOTAL SPECIES	35	23	51	28	80	49	45	93	33

NOTE

The Northern Shrike observed on the 17th near Evergreen by Douglas Stotz was very unusual for this very early date. Douglas writes; "This shrike I observed with a loggerhead from about 40 feet. It appeared to be larger and lighter, and the mask did not join as it did on the loggerhead. When I attempted to move in on it, it flew to a nearby willow. After I forced the Loggerhead to fly I went over to the willow in which the Northern landed, at which time the bird flew on to a dead twig at the top of the bush about 8 feet away from me. At this short distance I was able to confirm that the mask did not join over the bill and that the bird had light barring underneath".

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CORRECTION: In last month's issue Merle Barbour's name was inadvertently omitted as a co-leader for the trip covering the Ken Caryl Ranch. Sorry, Merle. (Ed.) Also, the 1 Common Snipe and 2 Spotted Sandpipers listed under Gore should have been listed under South Park.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 1972

- OCTOBER
- 1 - Sunday, Ken Caryl Ranch - Ward & Margo Chadwick, leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 A.M. 1/2 Day but bring lunch. *
 - 7 - Saturday, Lower Bear Creek and Willow Spring Ranch - Sadie Morrison, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
 - 8 - Saturday, Dillon Area: Blue River & Willow Creek Trail - Hugh Kingery, leader. (733 - 0351) Meet at 25th & Sheridan at 6:30 A.M. (No leader there) or at 8:00 A.M. at old Dillon Inn, 1st Building in Silverthorne, 1 mile N. of Dillon. Bring PORTABLE lunch. *
 - 14 - Saturday, Lakes north of Denver including Eastlake area - Dave Hutchinson, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. *
 - 15 - Sunday, Red Rocks Park - Don Thatcher, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M. 1/2 Day.
 - 21 - Saturday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area - Thompson Marsh, leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:30 A.M. (Dry Creek Shopping Center is located at the corner of South Logan and the East Hampden Freeway (U.S. 285) in Englewood.)*
 - 22 - Sunday, Pueblo Area - Dave Griffiths, leader. Meet at Ramada Inn in Pueblo at 8:30 A.M. *
 - 28 - Saturday, Pawnee Grassland - Nancy Hurley, leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
 - 29 - Sunday, Barr Lake and Mile High area - Harold Holt, leader. Meet at museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. (Daylite Saving time ends today) *
- * BRING LUNCH
- check on holiday*
Jennie Hughes
mt. Time 936-8845

Nov. 4 - Audubon trip to Rocky mt. Natl Park -

The Smith College Club of Colorado invites anyone interested to attend a colored slide show about THE AMERICAN ARTIST AS NATURALIST. Gertrude Grace Sill who gives programs for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City will discuss the art of Audubon, Peale, Bartram, and Jonathan Fisher through slides, poetry, and other writings. The program will be Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 10 A.M. at the Denver Botanic Gardens Horticulture Hall at 1005 York Street. There will be a one dollar donation.

"Anyone wishing to meet Edgar Allan Poe, William (Mortimer) Shakespeare, Henry Ward Beecher, Audubon, and as a special treat, Miss America, is invited to attend an open house at the home of Catherine Hurlbutt, 1910 South Marion Street (below D.U.) being held on Sunday, October 15, and again on Sunday, October 22, between 1 and 5 P.M., where these celebrities will be introduced. "

I hope you will be among those who can make it on either date.

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"Slide Program"

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7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

SEPTEMBER 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- September 9, Saturday, Cherry Creek Reservoir. Sue Merrick, leader. (Sunny A.M., hazy P.M. 0-10 MPH Wind, 65-80° - 8 Hrs.) Bobbie Ausfahl, Merle Barbour, Mary Cornelius, Patty Echelmeyer, Bob Spencer. (56 Sps.)
- 10, Sunday, Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, leader. (Fair, Warm. - 4 Hrs.) John Hannum, Mr. & Mrs. Warner Reeser. (37 Sps.)
- 16, Saturday, Annual Fall Count in the BBHMP Area. (Barr-Banner-Horse Creek-Mile High-Prospect.) (90° - Very hot in P.M. - 5 MPH wind - absolutely clear.)
- Area (1) Barr Lake (and Vaille Reservoir) Jack Reddall, leader. Harold Holt, LaVona Holt, Jim Lane. (113 Sps.)
- Area (2) Horse Creek Reservoir (and Pre-dawn stop at Bromley Lane.) Van Remsen, leader. Bob Andrews, Hugh Kingery, Sue Merrick. (117 Sps.)
- Area (3) Mile High Lakes (2 parties) Thompson Marsh and Patty Echelmeyer, leaders. Bob Buttery, John Colvin, John Cooper, Joyce Cooper, Don Thatcher. (90 Sps)
- Area (4) Banner Lakes & Prospect Reservoir (2 parties) Paul Julian and Sophia Bogart, leaders. Christine Bonney, Vi Bossman, Lori Chappell, Bob Glover, Dave Hutchinson, Mary Jane Schock, Lois Webster. (91 Sps.)
- 17, Sunday, Bear Creek Park. Jean White, leader. (Clear Sunny, 81° - 3 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Susan & Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, (16 Sps.)
- 23, Saturday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Fair - 9½ Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Christine Bonney, Vi and Henry Bossman, Mary and Don Fisher, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Dave McCargo and Larry Smith. (53 Sps.)
- 24, Sunday, Barr & Mile High Lakes. Harold Holt, leader. (Fair - 69° - 11 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Mary Brown (Madisonville, Kentucky), Mary Cornelius, Patty Echelmeyer, Richard & Mary Fischer, LaVona Holt, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Rachel Norton, Larry Smith, Doug Stotz, Edna Claire Thomas, Rick & Evie Wilt, Lindy & Scott Wilt. (109 Sps.)
- 30, Saturday, Deer Creek, Indian Hills, Idledale and Morrison Park. Merle Barbour & Bobbie Ausfahl, leaders. (Warm - Clear. 7½ Hrs.) Bob & Yvonne Gobbons, Jim Lane, Bob Reed, Larry Smith, Bob Spencer. (44 Sps.)

"BBHMP" FALL COUNT

SEPTEMBER	9	10	16	17	23	24	30
AREA	CCRA	RRP		BCP	PAWN	BARR	DEER
HABITAT (ZONE)	PLNS	FOOT	1	2	3	4	total
SPECIES	total	total	PLNS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	
Red-necked Grebe							3 :
Horned Grebe		(1 Barr HH	7	1 :	8	1 :	
Eared Grebe		12	2	1	3 :	18	7 :
Western Grebe	9	16	48	10 :	74	79 :	27
Pied-billed Grebe	2	1	4	15	29 :	49	23 :
White Pelican		Barr-14HH	28		28	-- :	3
Double-crested Cormorant		2	1	5 :	8	54 :	2
Great Blue Heron	14	7	23	10	8 :	48	59 :
<u>Green Heron</u>							(1 on 28th Littleton RN
<u>Cattle Egret</u>			1	1 :	2	-- :	
<u>Common Egret</u>		1 on 2nd Prewitt Res.(NE COLO.)	JR	2 on 20th Prewitt Res.	VR		
<u>Snowy Egret</u>		Barr-36 HH	2	3	:	5	10 :
Black-crowned Night Heron		1	1	18	:	20	33 :
White-faced Ibis		(12 Mile High Duck Club HH					
Canada Goose		3	28		31	26 :	27
Mallard	100	4000	2200	5000	60	11260	2191 :
Gadwall	4	35	1	10	8 :	54	263 :
Pintail	2	350	20	800	80 :	1250	432 :
Green-winged Teal		40	45	41	14 :	140	245 :
Blue-winged Teal	40	35	100	75	70 :	280	561 :
Cinnamon Teal		2 MHDC HH				--	3 :
American Widgeon	7	300	10	1	95 :	406	504 :
Shoveler	2	6	25	28	8 :	65	358 :
Wood Duck		<u>1 unusual for Barr</u>			:	1	-- :
Redhead		5			8 :	13	12 :
Ruddy Duck		175	45	4	85 :	309	492 :
Duck (species)		1500			300 :	1800	:
Turkey Vulture			1		:	1	1 :
Goshawk							
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			:	(1	1 :
Cooper's Hawk		1					
Red-tailed Hawk		3	3	8	1 :	15	5 :
Swainson's Hawk		2	2	2	2 :	8	17 :
<u>Broad-winged Hawk</u>							(1
<u>Rough-legged Hawk</u>							(1
Ferruginous Hawk		1	3		:	3	2 :
Golden Eagle		2			:		:
Marsh Hawk	1	2	2	4	4 :	8	20 :
<u>Osprey</u>		(1 on 3rd CCRA JR	<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>				
Prairie Falcon		1	1		:	2	1 :
Sparrow Hawk	6	4	36	6	5 :	51	24 :
Blue Grouse		2 on 13th Squaw Pass VR					
White-tailed Ptarmigan		2 on 14th Rock Cut RMNP VR					
Bobwhite			1		:	1	-- :
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	1	5	10	10 :	26	15 :
Sandhill Crane		(2 Barr HH	2		:	2	9 :
Virginia Rail			2		:	2	-- :
Sora			5		2 :	7	1 :
American Coot	800	600	19	130	150 :	899	722 :
Semipalmated Plover		3	2		:	5	3 :
Killdeer	14	110	378	82	65 :	635	468 :
Mountain Plover							
Golden Plover					:	--	1 :
Black-bellied Plover		4			7 :	11	-- :
Common Snipe	1	13	2	10	7 :	32	7 :
Spotted Sandpiper	1	6	2		2 :	10	2 :
Solitary Sandpiper		1			:	1	2 :
Willet					:	--	1 :
Greater Yellowlegs		1	3	15	:	19	5 :
Lesser Yellowlegs	5	26	118	40	165 :	339	12 :
Pectoral Sandpiper		1	<u>60</u>	1	1 :	63	8 :
Baird's Sandpiper	11	27	<u>507</u>	2	15 :	551	306 :
Least Sandpiper	5	6	16	5	50 :	77	16 :
Long-billed Dowitcher		1	6		12 :	19	1 :
Stilt Sandpiper		<u>74</u>	<u>70</u>		1 :	145	13 :
Semipalmated Sandpiper		1	7	1	:	9	32 :
Western Sandpiper		10	6		12 :	28	31 :
Marbled Godwit	1				1 :	1)	-- :
Sanderling					1 :	1	-- :
Peeps (species)					150 :	150	:
American Avocet		9	28	1	32 :	70	92 :

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AREA	CCRA	RRP										
HABITAT (ZONE)	PLNS	FOOT	1	2	3	4	1972 total	1971 total	BCP PLNS	PAWN PLNS	BARR PLNS	DEER FOOT
SPECIES												
Wilson's Phalarope			1	1	6	12	20	3				
Northern Phalarope (13 on 2 Pros-JR			18		20	20	58	30				
California Gull			3	5	1	5	14	37				
Ring-billed Gull	181		80	22	17	45	164	586	1		17	
Franklin's Gull	478		175	320	11	20	526	1934	2		257	200
Bonaparte's Gull							--	1				
<u>Common Tern</u>		4 on 2nd Prewitt Res. JR										
<u>Least Tern</u>		1 on 2nd " " JR										
Black Tern	7				1	4	5	34				
Forster's Tern	6										1	
Rock Dove	6	20	1	18	34	12	65	37			18	12
Mourning Dove	48		100	227	57	31	415	451		30	66	
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo</u>		1 on 19th SE Denver RA										
<u>Barn Owl</u>		4 on 3rd CCRA JR										
Great Horned Owl			3	4	2	3	12	10			4	
Burrowing Owl			21		19	4	44	8			4	
Poor-will		1 on 17th Waterton (plains) HK								1		
Common Nighthawk	2		1				1	10		1	on 26 E Denver HH	
White-throated Swift		55										
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1 on 5th Wheatridge PE						1	--				
Rufous Hummingbird										1)Golden HH		
Belted Kingfisher	1		2			1	3	5			6	1
Yellow-shafted Flicker (all marks)											1	
Red-shafted Flicker	7	2	18	18	9	5	50	28	5	6	39	10
Red-headed Woodpecker	1									1 Barr JR		
<u>Lewis' Woodpecker</u>			1 very unusual				1	--				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				2			(2	--		1	1	1
Williamson's Sapsucker	8 Evergreen DS									1 Waterton(plains) HK		
Hairy Woodpecker			1				1	3			2	1
Downy Woodpecker			7	5	1	2	15	19		1	3	
Eastern Kingbird			1				1	2				
Western Kingbird	1	1		1			1	32		1		
Cassin's Kingbird			1				1	3			1	
<u>Ash-throated Flycatcher</u>	1											
Say's Phoebe		2		2		2	4	15		1		
Traill's Flycatcher			1	1			2	1				
Hammond's Flycatcher		2) on 16th Longmont (banded) AC										
Dusky Flycatcher		3) on 13th Longmont (") AC										
Western Flycatcher		1 on 2nd Prewitt JR			1		1	1				
Empidonax			4	9	5	3	21			1	1	
Western Wood Pewee	1	3	7	3	1	1	12	45			1	
Olive-sided Flycatcher										1	1)SE Denver RA	
Horned Lark	1		1	86		5	92	135		50	62	
Violet-green Swallow				1			1	--				
Tree Swallow						1	1	2				
Bank Swallow			12	1			13	--		15) on 20th MHDC VR		
Rough-winged Swallow										1) on 20th " VR		
Barn Swallow	7		300	21	108	83	512	364		20	47	4
Cliff Swallow							--	1		2) on 20th MHDC VR		
Gray Jay		2 on 13th Squaw Pass VR										
Blue Jay					1		1	2	1		3	1
Steller's Jay		1										5
Scrub Jay	1	2		1 on 18th & 29th SE Denver RA								9
Black-billed Magpie	10	2	85	42	43	4	174	220	4	8	82	5
Common Raven		2										2
Common Crow												
<u>Pinon Jay</u>					10 on 24th Golden HH		3	--		8		
<u>Clark's Nutcracker</u>		3 on 17th Waterton (plains) HK										3
Black-capped Chickadee		3	23	18			41	51			8	5
Mountain Chickadee			1				(1	--				11
White-breasted Nuthatch			1	1			2	1			1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3		7	6	1	2	16	5		1	2	3
Pigmy Nuthatch												9
Brown Creeper (1 on 13th Barr JR			1	2	1		4	1				2
Dipper												3
House Wren	1	3	6	9	2	4	21	21		1	3	
Canon Wren		5										1
Rock Wren (1 on 10th Barr HH		1	3	20	3	3	29	43			12	2
Mockingbird				2			2	2		1		
Catbird		1			1	1	2	2				1
Brown Thrasher			1	1	1		3	3		1)on 21 Longmont AC		
Sage Thrasher				1	2		3	3		1	1	

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SEPTEMBER AREA HABITAT (ZONE) SPECIES	9 CCRA PLNS	10 RRP FOOT	16 1 2 3 4	17 BCP PLNS	23 PAWN PLNS	24 BARR PLNS	30 DEER FOOT			
Robin	6	5	2	22	33	3 : 60	19 : 4	2	12	200
Hermit Thrush			3		1 : (4	-- : 1			1	1
Swainson's Thrush (1 on 7th Wheat-PE 1			4	1		6	-- : 1 on 26th Longmont AC			
<u>Gray-cheeked Thrush</u>	<u>FIRST AREA</u>	<u>FALL RECORD</u>	1		1 : 1)	-- : 1				
Veery										
Western Bluebird		4 on 12	Genesee Mt. DS							
Townsend's Solitaire		3	1		5 : (2	-- : 1		2	11	
Golden-crowned Kinglet		7			2 : (2	2 : 3				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		18	13	2	2 : (35	3 : 3		6	3	
Water Pipit		1	1	4	2 : (6	2 : 1				
Cedar Waxwing		13			13	-- : 12 on 21 Waterton VR				
Loggerhead Shrike								2	2	
Starling	15	1	20	460	750	54 : 1284	3460 : 3	2	196	5
Solitary Vireo (1 on 8 Longmont AC			1	2	1	5	2 : 1			
Red-eyed Vireo		1				1)	-- : 1			
Warbling Vireo			4			4	4 : 1			1)
<u>Black-and-white Warbler</u> (1 on 4th N. Denver DT										
<u>Tennessee Warbler</u>							1) on 25th Longmont AC			
Orange-crowned Warbler	(1	14	1	3	4	22	10 : 3	3	3	1
<u>Nashville Warbler</u>		1				1	-- : 1			
Virginia's Warbler	1		1		2	(3	-- : 1 on 21 Waterton VR			
Yellow Warbler			1			1)	2 : 1			
<u>Magnolia Warbler</u>		(1 on 13th Barr JR						1 on 25th Longmont AC		
<u>Black-throated Blue Warbler</u>			1			(1	-- : 1			
Myrtle Warbler					1 : (1	-- : 1				
Audubon's Warbler	(1	22	9	3	15	49	6 : 12	32	60	
Townsend's Warbler		15	9	4	2	(30	1 : 1	3	3	
<u>Chestnut-sided Warbler</u>	(1 Longmont (banded) AC									
<u>Blackpoll Warbler</u>	1 on 13th Barr JR					<u>3rd FALL RECORD</u>	1 : 1			
<u>Pine Warbler</u>	1 on 13th Longmont (banded) AC									
Northern Waterthrush	2) on 11th Longmont AC									
MacGillivray's Warbler		1	3	1		5	4 : 4			
Yellowthroat	2	6	6	7	6	25	20 : 2)			
Yellow-breasted Chat						--	1 : 1) on 19th Waterton VR			
Wilson's Warbler	2	1	80	126	30	40 : 276	137 : 2	4	27	2
American Redstart	1 on 13th Barr JR		1			1)	4 : 4			
House Sparrow	25		30	85	185	22 : 322	584 : 25	40	1	
Western Meadowlark	7	2	20	130	18	7 : 175	112 : 2	50	83	3
Yellow-headed Blackbird			1	3000	725	303 : 4029	417 : 503			
Redwinged Blackbird	231		11	10	550	272 : 844	948 : 35	602		
Bullock's Oriole		1 Barr HH	1			1)	3 : 3			
Orchard Oriole		1) on 13th SE Denver RA (all yellow underparts)								
Brewer's Blackbird	12		212	17		229	6 : 2	3		
Common Grackle		28	200	14	275	517	229 : 8			
Brown-headed Cowbird								1		
Western Tanager		1	1	3	1	5	18 : 3			
Black-headed Grosbeak						--	2 : 1 Waterton HK			
Blue Grosbeak	1 on 3rd CCRA JR				1 on 11th Longmont AC			1) on 18th Waterton VR		
Indigo Bunting								1)		
Lazuli Bunting			2			2	8 : 1)			
Cassin's Finch								1		
House Finch	58	30	4	1	7	12	30 : 30			
Brown-capped Rosy Finch		2 on 14th Rock Cut RMNP VR								
Pine Siskin		12	2	1		(3	-- : 13	25		
American Goldfinch	4	2	3	4	5	12	6 : 6	1		
Lesser Goldfinch		2	1		2	3	1 : 1			
Green-tailed Towhee	(5	11	9	9	3	5 : 26	10 : 1	3	2)	
Rufous-sided Towhee		12	1	3		1 : (5	1 : 2	4	5	
Lark Bunting				1	4	5)	41 : 1			
Savannah Sparrow		6	6	2	5	13	2 : 1	7		
Vesper Sparrow	3		18	394	56	50 : 516	156 : 100	333		
Lark Sparrow	1		1	5		6	18 : 2)			
<u>Sage Sparrow</u>		1 on 2nd Prewitt Res. JR								
Slate-colored Junco								(1 on 29th SE Denver RA		
Oregon Junco			4			2 : (6	-- : 25	6		
Gray-headed Junco			1			(1	-- : 33			
Chipping Sparrow	18	27	90	15	29	3 : 137	240 : 8	42	55	
Clay-colored Sparrow	2	2	70	6	16	6 : 98	26 : 1			
Brewer's Sparrow		1	12	6	6	13 : 37	19 : 1	4		
Spizella (species)			100	90		30 : 220				
White-crowned Sparrow			5	13	1	3 : 22	4 : 4	17	7	
White-throated Sparrow								(2		
Lincoln's Sparrow	(22		18	2	1	4 : 25	5 : 1			

SEPTEMBER	16 COUNT						1972	1971				
	9	10	1	2	3	4	total	total	17	23	24	30
SPECIES												
Song Sparrow	7		10	4	2	26	: 42	33	: 1	1	7	
McCown's Longspur						:		:		8		
						:		:				
TOTAL SPECIES	56	37	113	117	90	91	: 150	134	: 16	53	109	44
(First arrival for Denver <u>plains</u> area												
) Last departure from Denver <u>plains</u> area												

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FALL COUNT SUMMARY
by Van Remsen

On September 16 the 2nd annual fall count in the BBHMP area (Barr-Banner-Horse Creek-Mile High-Prospect) turned up an incredible 150 species, 16 more than last years count held on Sept.11. This increase was probably due to a combination of two factors: (1) More migrants and wintering species this year--11 species of montane or northern species missed last year were found this year (Yelloe-bellied Sapsucker, Mountain Chickadee, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Townsend's Solitaire, Cedar Waxwing, Virginia's Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Pine Siskin, Oregon Junco, Gray-headed Junco); this was probably the result of an "earlier fall" this year combined with a count day 5 days later this year. The only early-departing species found last year but not this year were Red-headed Woodpecker, Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Black-headed Grosbeak, whereas one individual of 9 early-departing species were turned up (Common Nighthawk, Broad-tailed Hummingbird, 3 species of Kingbirds, western Flycatcher, Violet-green Swallow, Tree Swallow, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Bullock's Oriole), any of which could have been missed very easily. (2) better coverage-- an increase from 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ total party-hours must have made a difference, as must have the addition of 6 top birders who didn't make it last year(John Colvin, Harold Holt, Jim Lane, Thompson Marsh, Don Thatcher, Lois Webster).

Highlights of the count were 2 Cattle Egret, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Veery, Nashville Warbler, and Black-throated Blue Warbler plus the out of place Wood Duck, Lewis' Woodpecker, and Pinon Jays. Also of interest were the much higher numbers of shorebirds, warblers, and sparrows this year; 63 Pectoral Sandpipers, 145 Stilt Sandpipers, 30 Townsend's Warblers, 276 Wilson's Warblers, 516 Vesper Sparrows, and 25 Lincoln's Sparrows were particularly outstanding. Most resident or partly migratory species showed roughly comparable numbers this year and last, although all three gull species' numbers were down by 75%. Duck numbers were hard to interpret--although almost every species showed significant decreases this year, the total numbers of ducks remained nearly the same due to a spectacular increase in Mallards this year.

Common species painfully absent this year were Forster's Tern(missed last year too), Loggerhead Shrike, Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow although all were observed within the count area later. White-rumped Sandpiper, Northern Waterthrush, Indigo Bunting, and Field Sparrow may have been seen this year on the count, but were not included because either the observers were not 100% confident of their identification or notall important field marks were seen.

Finally, it is hoped that the count will now be self-perpetuating. Certainly the thorough coverage elucidating relative abundances during the fall migration plus the outstanding rarities discovered justify its continuation. All the leaders did terrific jobs and their efforts were greatly appreciated. The prize goes to Jack Reddall and Jim Lane who walked all the way around Barr Lake (at least 11 miles).

THANKS TO VAN REMSEN FOR ORGANIZING, CONDUCTING AND COMPILING THIS COUNT---Editor.

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NOVEMBER FIELD TRIPS

- November 4 - Saturday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sue Merrick, leader. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 7:30 A.M. *
- 5 - Sunday, Evergreen Area. Doug Stotz, leader. Meet at Post Office on East edge of town on Highway 74 at 8:30 A.M. (No leader in Denver.) *
- 11 - Saturday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
- 12 - Sunday, ($\frac{1}{2}$ Day) Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M.
- 18 - Saturday, Lower Bear Creek, Willow Springs Ranch. Sadie Morrison, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *
- 19 - Sunday, Jackson and Prewitt Reservoirs. Sophia Bogart, leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *
- 25 - Saturday, Valmont Reservoir and surrounding area. Paul & Lesley Julian, leaders. (499-9107). Meet at Platte Jr. High Parking lot (Cherryvale Rd. & Baseline at 8:30 A.M. (Formerly Fairview High School). *
- 26 - Sunday, Barr Lake and Mile High Areas. Harold Holt, leader. Meet at the Museum of Natural History at 7:30 A.M. *

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"Birding on the Texas Coast"
By
Mr. Jim Lane

7:30 P.M. Denver Museum of Natural History (New auditorium - west side)

OCTOBER 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- October 1, Sunday, Ken-Caryl Ranch. Ward & Margo Chadwick, leaders. (5 Hrs.) Mickey Bidwell, Jerry Bidwell, Bob Buttery, Vi Hubka, Bob Glover, Sue Merrick, Merial Myers, Jo Trainor, Don & Eva Turnquist. (36 Sps.)
- 7, Saturday, Lower Bear Creek to Morrison and Willow Springs and lakes in area. Sadie Morrison, leader. (Warm-Sunny, no wind, very dry - 8 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Helen Bonnema, Ward & Margo Chadwick, Cecily Mellor, Thompson Marsh, Bob Spencer. (52 Sps.)
- 8, Sunday, Northern Summit County, Dillon Area. Hugh Kingery, leader. (Cloudy, Rainy- 8 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Mary Cornelius, Nancy Hurley, Madeleine and Tony Livandais, Dave McCargo. (41 Sps.)
- 14, Saturday, Sloans Lake, Clear Creek, S. Platte River, East Lake, Boedecker Lake, Newell Lake, Great Falls Area. David Hutchinson, leader. (Overcast, Wind Gusts, 44-50° - 10 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Margo and Ward Chadwick, Lorie Chappell, Ad Daskam, Yvonne and Bob Gibbons, Vi Hubka, Al Koewing, Jim Lane, Larry Smith, Bob Spencer. (73 Sps.)
- 15, Sunday, Red Rocks Park. Don Thatcher, leader. (Fair, Cool - 4 Hrs.) Charles Bradford, Adeline Daskam, Jim Lane, Larry Smith. (25 Sps.)
- 21, Saturday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Thompson Marsh, leader. (Cool: cloudy at first, then clearing - 8 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Charles Bradford, John & Joyce Cooper Adeline Daskam, Joan Dunham, Tom & Virginia Faxon, Dee Hudson, Susan Marsh, Cecily Mellor, Sadie Morrison, Jane Newcomb, Mary Jane Schock, Margaret Sikes, Ruth Wheeler, Leland Yee. (49 Sps.)
- 22, Sunday, Pueblo Area. Dave & Claire Griffiths, leaders. (Clear to overcast, cool, windy, 38-60° - 8½ Hrs.) Christine Bonney, Yvonne & Bob Gibbons, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Dave McCargo, Larry Smith, Van Truan. (81 Sps.)
- 28, Saturday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Raw, grey, windy - 6 Hrs.) Jane Kragh, Steve Larson. (33 Sps.)
- 29, Sunday, Barr Lake, Prospect Area. Harold Holt, leader. (A.M.), LaVona Holt & Jim Lane, leaders. (P.M.). (Foggy, Cold becoming very cold in the P.M. 28-50° - 9 Hrs.) Christine Bonney, John & Joyce Cooper, Bob & Yvonne Gibbons, Jeannie Huey (Mrs. H.R.) Richardson, Texas. Steve Larson. (59 Sps.)

Pueblo - xmas bird count 23rd Van remsen -
Carolina wren Haney - 10th & Field -
Varied Thrush - 1330
Peter Islieb Christmas Ct. Alaska

Dave - 789-4003

Patty 233-4947

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OCTOBER	1	7	7	8	14	14	15	21	22	28	29
AREA	KCR	BEAR	Morr	NSC	DEN.N	LWW	RRP	CCRA	PUEB	PAWN	BARR
HABITAT (ZONE)	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	MTS	PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	PLNS
SPECIES											
Common Loon										Prospect (4 JR	
Horned Grebe		1			5			4			
Eared Grebe					9				6		4
Western Grebe		1			22			82	115		22
Pied-billed Grebe		3			10			1	26		
White Pelican								Jackson Res. 60 JR		Jackson Res. 1)JR	
Double-crested Cormorant								75	Jackson Res. JR		
Great Blue Heron		1			4			1	6		
<u>Green Heron</u>					1) on Cherry Creek				SE Denver RA		
Snowy Egret					1) Mile High Duck Club				HH		
Black-crowned Night Heron									6	1)SE Den.RA	
American Bittern									1		
Canada Goose		29			96			10			12
<u>Snow Goose</u>								Jackson Res. (4 JR		40	
Mallard	6	30		13	315			7	420	35	2707
Gadwall		12			78			32	280	4	2
Pintail		1		1	77			1	150		203
Green-winged Teal					57			10	102		14
Blue-winged Teal					12			1	201	1	3)
American Widgeon	10	13			54			20	520		400
Shoveler		2			169				50		13
Wood Duck									1		
Redhead		2			107			30	275		1
Ring-necked Duck	(3 on 2nd		N.Denver HH		277			1	25		
Canvasback				(1				6	20		CCRA 2 RA
Lesser Scaup				1					150		2
<u>Common Goldeneye</u>					<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>			(1 on 26th Sloan's Lake	LH		
Bufflehead			Lakewood (2 SM		11				3		38
Ruddy Duck					13				50		30
Hooded Merganser								Jackson Res.(1 JR	2 on 21st		
Common Merganser					(4 Boulder SL			6		CCRA 3 RA	
<u>Red-breasted Merganser</u>					<u>NEW EARLY RECORD</u>			Jackson Res.(2	7 on 21st		
Sharp-shinned Hawk								Waterton 1 HK	2	1	
Cooper's Hawk	1						1	1	1		
Red-tailed Hawk	2	2		5	3		3	3	9	4	1
Harlan's Hawk								(1 on 16th Aurora HH	2	2	1
<u>Broad-winged Hawk</u>					2 on 13th Boulder SL						
Rough-legged Hawk	3									5	4
Ferruginous Hawk					1				1	3	1
Golden Eagle	2				1		1			3	
Bald Eagle											Weldona (1 JR
Marsh Hawk		1		1	2			2	11	5	12
<u>Osprey</u>					1)						
Prairie Falcon				3						1	2
Pigeon Hawk								Goodrich(1 JR		4	1
Sparrow Hawk	2	2		2	11			1	12		5
Scaled Quail									20		
Bobwhite											2
Ring-necked Pheasant	1						2	14		2	5
Chukar											9
Sandhill Crane	10 on 18th Wheatridge	PE			17			Jackson Res. 13 JR	1		
Virginia Rail									4		
American Coot		246			194			250	322		155
Killdeer		6			69			10	17	3	11
Black-bellied Plover								2			CCRA 1)RA
Common Snipe					4			2	3		
Greater Yellowlegs					2)				3		
Lesser Yellowlegs								1			1)
Pectoral Sandpiper					1 on 25th Lakewood RB						CCRA 1)RA
Baird's Sandpiper					12 MHDC HH						Muir Spgs.3 JR
Least Sandpiper					1			6)			
Long-billed Dowitcher					7			12	20		CCRA 4)RA
Sanderling								1) Jackson Res. JR			
American Avocet								Prospect Res 4)JR	25		
Herring Gull											CCRA (1 RA
California Gull		5			76			2			
Ring-billed Gull		2		1	18			30	102		130
Franklin's Gull			5		413			1			13
Bonaparte's Gull								Jackson Res 1 JR	2		CCRA 1 RA
Band-tailed Pigeon								9)			
Rock Dove	63		20		26		150		250		26
Mourning Dove	5	8		4	3			27	8		
<u>Yellow-billed Cuckoo</u>					1) Barr LW,SM		<u>NEW LATE RECORD</u>				

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HABITAT (ZONE)	FOOT	PLNS	FOOT	MTS	PLNS	FOOT	FOOT	PLNS		PLNS	PLNS
SPECIES											
Roadrunner (147)	1 on 15th near Colorado City TM										
Great Horned Owl								1	3		1
Burrowing Owl										1)	
Poor-will									1		
Common Nighthawk	1	SE Denver TM						Museum E. Denver		1)	SL
Chimney Swift	1	on 3rd Boulder SL			2)	on 3rd Museum E. Denver DM					
Belted Kingfisher		5		1	3			1	2		1
Red-shafted Flicker	4	3	1		18		11	10	12	6	3
Red-headed Woodpecker	1)	on 2nd Lakewood HH									
Lewis' Woodpecker				2	1				1		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2					1		1 Waterton HK			
Hairy Woodpecker	1					2		1			
Downy Woodpecker			1	1		2	2	4		1	3
Ladder-backed Woodpecker									6		
Horned Lark	17			10	3			10	61	300	2581
Barn Swallow				MHDC 3 HH		1)			4		
Gray Jay				5							
Blue Jay		Fairly common all month in Denver and suburbs									
Steller's Jay	4		5	9		27	17		1		
Scrub Jay	7		3				3		4		
Black-billed Magpie	13	27	8	24	154		8	9	51	8	55
Common Raven	2			1			4		1		
Common Crow				2					62	2	
Clark's Nutcracker										5	plains
Black-capped Chickadee	11	9	2	4		45	9	9			4
Mountain Chickadee	1			18					22		5
White-breasted Nuthatch				3		Waterton 1 HK			2	HK 1	Waterton
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1						1 Waterton HK				
Pigmy Nuthatch			15 Genesee Mt HH								
Brown Creeper				4		2 Wheatridge PE					1
Dipper			1	6			3 Waterton HK				
House Wren							1) Waterton HK				
Bewick's Wren									1		
Canon Wren	1						2				
Rock Wren				1						1)	SE Denver RA
Mockingbird		1)									
Catbird		1 on 2nd Longmont AC						1) Waterton HK			
Robin	86	9	15	3		400	185	10	53	20	1
Hermit Thrush				1) on 16-18 Wheatridge PE							
Veery		1) SE Denver RA									
Western Bluebird									1 Pueblo JL		
Mountain Bluebird	10			5			7		2) on 30th Boulder S		
Townsend's Solitaire	3		6	1		3	6		3		
Golden-crowned Kinglet				2					1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			3	46		1	4		3		1
Water Pipit			32 on 9th Boulder SL						25		
Bohemian Waxwing			(7 on 27th Boulder SL					NEW EARLY RECORD			
Cedar Waxwing			3						6 Pueblo JL		
Northern Shrike											(1
Loggerhead Shrike									1		
Starling	10	20	5	58	509			32	150	2013	
Orange-crowned Warbler		3				2		2) on 18th Wheatridge PE			
Myrtle Warbler						2		1) Jackson Res. JR			
Audubon's Warbler	4	9	2	5		50	8		12	1) on 30 Bldr S	
Townsend's Warbler				2				3) Waterton HK			
Blackpoll Warbler		1) on 4th Longmont (banded) AC NEW LATE RECORD									
Palm Warbler (114)				(1 Boulder SL							
Yellowthroat (145)								1) Waterton HK			
Wilson's Warbler	1		1	1				2) Waterton HK			
House Sparrow	28	5	3		180				507	50	112
Western Meadowlark	50		8		30			5	52	75	134
Yellow-headed Blackbird				1	75)			2 Pueblo JL			
Redwinged Blackbird		151	10	378	3550			103	1015		610
Brewer's Blackbird		160		2					12		
Common Grackle		1			168)						
Brown-headed Cowbird				6							
Western Tanager		1) SE Denver RA									
Black-headed Grosbeak								1 Pueblo JL			
Evening Grosbeak								3 Pueblo JL			
Cassin's Finch				15				(3 Waterton (plains) HK			
House Finch		8	3		1580		36	14	60		87
Pine Siskin	31	5				3	2		7	1	

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SPECIES											
American Goldfinch					5			2	1		1
Lesser Goldfinch	4	5)									
Red Crossbill		8 on 3rd	Museum	E.Denver	DM			2	Pueblo	JL	11 E.Den. TM
Green-tailed Towhee					1)	SE Denver	RA				
Rufous-sided Towhee	4	2				1	6		2	1 on 17	Wheat-PE
Brown Towhee									11		
Savannah Sparrow					1			1		Muir Spgs.	3 JR
Baird's Sparrow				8)	Boulder	SL					
Vesper Sparrow	2)								1		
White-winged Junco		2 on 18th	Wheatridge	PE		(1			2		2
Slate-colored Junco				1		1			3		14
Oregon Junco	5	1		25		111	10	2	42	4	82
Gray-headed Junco		4		55		26			7		2
Tree Sparrow	(1							6		50	35
Chipping Sparrow							1		2	2)	SE Den.RA
Clay-colored Sparrow									1		
Harris' Sparrow						Prospect Res	(1 JR		2	4	2
White-crowned Sparrow	5	3		2	16	5	17	14	850	10	5
White-throated Sparrow	1 on 14th	SE Denver	RA	5 on 15th	Waterton	HK			2		2
Song Sparrow	2	4				5	2	14	16	4	3
Lapland Longspur										(25	2
TOTAL SPECIES	36	41	20	41	53	21	25	49	81	40	59

(First arrival on Denver area plains
) Last departure from Denver area plains

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews, Robert Buttery, Allegra Collister, Patty Echalmeyer, Harold Holt, LaVona Holt, Hugh Kingery, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Don Mallick, Thompson Marsh, Sadie Morrison, Sue Merrick, Jack Reddall, Lois Webster.

Regular membership is \$4.00 per year, due and payable January 1. For other types of membership please contact the Treasurer, George Shier, RT. 1, Bix 821, Golden, Colorado 80401. Telephone 279-1990.

TRIP LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Please send your reports, using the Denver area Checklist, as soon as possible after each trip to Harold Holt, 449 S. Xavier, Denver 80219, phone 936-8845, All individual reports should arrive by the 5th of the month to be included in the current report.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS

- December 2 - Saturday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sophia Bogart, leader. (Some walking)
Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center at 8:00 A.M. *
- 3 - Sunday, Pawnee National Grassland. Nancy Hurley, leader. Meet at Museum of Natural History at 7:00 A.M. *
- 9 - Saturday - Pre-Christmas count scouting trips.
Area 4: Centennial Shopping Center, 7:30 A.M., John Cooper, leader.
Area 5: Dry Creek Shopping Center 7:00 A.M. Thompson Marsh, leader.
Area 9: Tiny Town Cafe (!) 7:30 A.M. Bob Buttery, leader.
Area 11B: Dry Creek Shopping Center, 8:00 A.M. Ward Chadwick, leader.
Area 6: Waterton bridge, 7:30 A.M. Cal Royall, leader.
- 10 - Sunday - Pre-Christmas count scouting trips.
Area 1: 25th & Sheridan, 7:00 A.M. Don Thatcher, leader
Area 7A: Dry Creek Shopping Center, 7:30 A.M. Sue Merrick, leader.
Area 8: Dry Creek Shopping Center, 7:30 A.M. Hugh Kingery, leader.
Area 10: Call leader Bill Brockner, 674-4851
- 16 - Saturday, Denver Area Christmas Count
Dawn or before to dusk or after. We will divide into several groups to count all the birds we can within our 15-mile diameter circle. We encourage all DFO members to come along with one of the groups, whether you are beginners or whiz-bang birders. Come out for only 1/2 day if you like. National Audubon Society charges \$1 for each listed participant. Call leaders for arrangements. or Dave Hutchinson, 428-3922, or Hugh Kingery 733-0351, if you want to know which group needs you. This year we will meet to eat and compile at VILLA ITALIA Wyatt's Cafeteria (not Bear Valley), Alameda and Wadsworth. Everyone is welcome, whether you go on the count or not. *
- | AREA | LEADER | PHONE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 1 - Red Rocks | Don Thatcher | 455-7479 |
| 2 - Lower Bear Creek | Sadie Morrison | 388-1488 |
| 3 - Marston-Bowles Lakes | Harold Holt | 936-8845 |
| 4 - Lower South Platte | Jim Lane | 238-1426 |
| 5 - Middle So. Platte | Thompson Marsh | 377-5380 |
| 6 - Upper So. Platte | Cal Royall | 985-7295 |
| 7 - Deer Creek, lower | Lynn Willcockson | 757-7000 |
| 7A - Deer Creek, upper | Sue Merrick | 355-7126 |
| 8 - South Turkey Creek | Hugh Kingery | 733-0351 |
| 8A - South Turkey Creek
Yegge Park | Nancy Hurley | 757-0837 |
| 9 - North Turkey Creek | Bob Buttery | 986-0698 |
| 10 - Upper Bear Creek | Bill Brockner | 674-4851 |
| 11 - Willow Creek | Patty Echelmeyer | 233-4947 |
| 11A - Willow Springs | Mildred Snyder | 366-7610 |
| 11B - Ken Caryl Ranch | Sophia Bogart | --- |
- 16 - Saturday, Rocky Mountain National Park Christmas Count. John Douglas & Warner Reeser, leaders. Meet at the National Park Headquarters, two miles west of Estes Park at 7:45 A.M. *
- 16 - Boulder count tentatively set for 16th, Paul Julian, leader. *
- 17 - Sunday, Evergreen Christmas Count, Doug Stotz, leader. Phone 674-4479. The Evergreen Naturelists would like your help. *
- 23 - 24, A BIRDY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO Y!ALL (No trips scheduled.)
- 26 - Weldona Count, Call Don Thatcher 455-7479
- 30 - Saturday, No trip scheduled.
- 31 - Sunday, Pikes Peak Count, Call Libby Goodwin if you'd like to join Colorado Mt. Club members on the nations highest Christmas Tally. Phone 449-6227 *

January 1 - Bonney Dam Count, Paul Julian, leader. Phone 499-9107 *

* BRING LUNCH

Dec. 23 - Saturday, Pueblo Count. Contact Dave Griffiths or Van Remsen 233-2090



THE LARK BUNTING
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Harold Holt, Editor

TO ONE AND ALL
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
MUCH HAPPY BIRDING
IN THE NEW YEAR
No Regular monthly meeting

EDITORIAL

With this issue of the "Lark Bunting" your present editor is retiring as such. It has been my great privilege to have served in this capacity for better than seven years. It is hoped that you will give your new editor, Mr. Dave Hutchinson, the same wonderful cooperation you have given me so that our monthly bulletin may continue to be the same wonderful asset to our club in the future as it has been in the past.

Harold R. Holt

NOVEMBER 1972 FIELD TRIPS

- November 4, Saturday, Cherry Creek Recreation Area. Sue Merrick, leader. (Clear, Sunny 35-50°, light wind - 6 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Dave & Jeff Hutchinson, Thompson Marsh, Monty Milner. (46 Sps.)
- 5, Sunday, Evergreen, Squaw Mountain. Douglas Stotz, leader. (Clear A.M., cloudy P.M. 26-56° - 8 Hrs.) Edward Aaronson, Merle Barbour, Bill & Sylvia Brockner, John & Joyce Cooper, Mary Fischer, Harold & LaVona Holt, Hugh Kingery, Al Koewing, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Mike Linshaw, Larry Smith. (37 Sps.)
- 11, Saturday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. (Cold, Grey, windy, 7 Hrs.) Bob & Yvonne Gibbons, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Dave McCargo, Bob Reed, Larry Smith, Roberta and Vincent Winn. (28 Sps.)
- 18, Saturday, Lower Bear Creek, Morrison, and lakes of area. Sadie Morrison, leader. (Chilly, cloudy, no wind, 29-39° - 7 Hrs.) Merle Barbour, Thompson Marsh, Robert Spencer. (43 Sps.)
- 19, Sunday, Jackson Reservoir, Prewitt Reservoir, Muir Springs. Sophia Bogart, leader. (High 40°, Light breeze all day, fog morning, high stratus afternoon. - 10½ Hrs.) Christine Bonney, Al Koewing. (26 Sps.)
- 25, Saturday, Valmont Reservoir, Sawhill Lakes. Paul Julian, leader. (Partly cloudy, cold - 7 Hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Lori Chappell, Richard & Ralph Clearman (Bartlett, Texas), John & Joyce Cooper, Libby Goodwin, Jim Lane, Steve Laeson, Jack Reddall, Ruth & Warner Reeser, Larry Smith, Bob Spencer, Helen Stiles, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Woelfel. (46 Sps.)
- 26, Sunday, Guenella Pass, to Grants and Georgetown. Harold Holt, leader. (Snowing, Blowing, 25-40° - 8 Hrs.) Sophia Bogart, Christine Bonney, LaVona Holt, Jim Lane, Steve Larson, Dr. Richard & Son (Austin, Texas), Larry Smith. (19 Sps.)

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AREA	CCRA	EVER	PAWN	BEAR	MORR	JACK	BLDR	GUEN
HABITAT (ZONE)	PLNS	MTS	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS	MTS

SPECIES

Common Loon	4			1				
② Artic Loon	2 CCRA from 8th to 13th -- Many observers -- <u>First Denver area record</u>							
Horned Grebe	13						2)	
Eared Grebe	4					2)CCRA JR		
Western Grebe	47						7)	
Pied-billed Grebe	2						1)	
Double-crested Cormorant	1 JR			1) CCRA JR				
Great Blue Heron	1			1			2	
Black-crowned Night Heron				1 imm. on 24th Cherry Creek SE Denver RA (wintering?)				
Canada Goose	200					500	600	
White-fronted Goose							(2	
Snow Goose							1	
Mallard	35	22		37		5000	200	
Gadwall	21			8			4	
Pintail							15	
Green-winged Teal	2			15				
American Widgeon	11			10		40	6	
Shoveler	Few all month Sloan's Lake Denver							
Redhead	52						20	
Ring-necked Duck							5	
Canvasback							2	
Lesser Scaup	2			5			1	
Common Goldeneye				1		40	6	
Bufflehead	1			2				
②③ White-winged Scoter	(1 f to 26th Many observers							
Ruddy Duck	3			2)				
Common Merganser	12					10	16	
Goshawk		1						
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	on 2nd SE Denver TM						
Red-tailed Hawk	2	1	2	1		2	1	
Rough-legged Hawk		1	14			2		
Ferruginous Hawk			4			1	1	
Golden Eagle			6					
Marsh Hawk	1		1			1	1	
Prairie Falcon			1			2		
Sparrow Hawk			2	2		7	3	
Ring-necked Pheasant	10					1		
American Coot	226			4				
Killdeer	2						4	
Common Snipe				2			5	
Baird's Sandpiper	1 JR	<u>NEW LATE RECORD</u>						
Long-billed Dowitcher				1)	on 13th CCRA JL			
Herring Gull	1 JR						2	
California Gull				2 CCRA JR	3) on 14th Sloan's Lake JL			
Ring-billed Gull	180			122		3	6	
Franklin's Gull		3 on 6th E Denver HH			10 on 13th CCRA JL			
Bonaparte's Gull	4	50 on 10th CCRA JL			3) on 23 CCRA JR			
Rock Dove				20	15		15	
Great Horned Owl			2					
Pygmy Owl					1 on 27th Evergreen DS			
Short-eared Owl					1 on 20 CCRA JR			
Belted Kingfisher		1		3			2	
Red-shafted Flicker	7	1	1	3		12	4	1
②③ Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	Muir Springs (Fort Morgan) JL,SL			<u>all field marks</u>			
Hairy Woodpecker	2	6					2	
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	2	3			4	
Horned Lark	42		5000			50		
Gray Jay		2						1
Blue Jay						1	1	
Steller's Jay	1 on 1st E Den.	53	couple other plains	8	4 on 17th Platteville			16
Scrub Jay			a couple records from plains	4				
Black-billed Magpie	17	2	4	71		15	30	8
Common Raven		4						13
Common Crow		3	4					
Clark's Nutcracker		7	1 on 17th Golden RS					3
Black-capped Chickadee	2	2		10		5	8	12
Mountain Chickadee	3	51		3				26
White-breasted Nuthatch		2						1
Red-breasted Nuthatch		9		1				1
Pigmy Nuthatch		33						6
Brown Creeper		10	2		2		1	
Dipper		3			2			1
Winter Wren							(1	
Long-billed Marsh Wren						2		

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SPECIES

Canon Wren						1 RRP RS		
Rock Wren			1 on 23rd RRP DS					
Mockingbird			1 on 12th (feeder at home) JR					
Robin	2	1	2		2	5		
88 Varied Thrush		1 from 27th Lakewood (yard of BN) observed by many					NEW	EARLY RECORD
Townsend's Solitaire	1	3	2		7			
Golden-crowned Kinglet		2						
Water Pipit	7)							
Bohemian Waxwing	1 Muir Spr.SL,JL	1				17 on 22nd Littleton JT		
Cedar Waxwing					3			
Northern Shrike		1	2		1			1
Starling	20	1	75	75		220	90	
Townsend's Warbler					VERY LATE RECORD	1 Bear Creek Lakewood JC		
114 Palm Warbler		1 on 11th Idaho Spr.(mts) JC		1 on 24th Cherry Creek SE Denver RA				
MacGillivray's Warbler					VERY LATE RECORD	1 Bear Creek Lakewood JC		
House Sparrow	2	6	12	290			8	
Western Meadowlark	11		4			11	4	
Redwinged Blackbird	38			11		150		
Brewer's Blackbird				6 (wintering)				
Common Grackle		15 on 2nd, 3 on 3rd, 6) on 4th SE Denver TM				NEW	LATE RECORD	
Evening Grosbeak		6	19 from 13th to 24th Littleton JT					12
Cassin's Finch		2						
House Finch	15			80	15		15	
Pine Grosbeak			2					8
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		300				30 RRP RS		250
Black Rosy Finch		2				2 RRP RS		3
Brown-capped Rosy Finch		2						20
Common Redpoll				(1 on 28th Golden GS				
Pine Siskin	6						14	
American Goldfinch	4						9	
Red Crossbill		10	18 on 16th Wheatridge PE (yard)			10 on 18th JC		26
Rufous-sided Towhee		1 on 14th Sloan's Lake W.Denver JL				1 wintering Lakewood JC (yard)		
Savannah Sparrow	1)							
White-winged Junco	1	45	1					
Slate-colored Junco	4		1		1			
Oregon Junco	6	6	50		3		5	
Gray-headed Junco		4	2	1			3	
Tree Sparrow	21		30	1			75	
Harris' Sparrow	1 JR			1		3 on 23rd CCRA JR		
White-crowned Sparrow	9	1					2	
White-throated Sparrow	1 SE Denver RA							
Song Sparrow	5			9		15	7	
Lapland Longspur			25					
* Snow Bunting (142)		1 on 3rd Lakewood RB (note)						
TOTAL SPECIES	118	46	37	28	33	12	26	46
								19

(- First arrival on Denver area plains
) - Last departure from Denver area plains

CORRECTION to October listing: Under starling the number for Pawnee should have read 150 and 2013 for Barr.

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* SNOW BUNTING IN NOVEMBER by Robert Buttery

About noon on Friday, November 3, 1972, two days after an 18 inch snow, I was walking in about a foot of snow on the open west side of the Denver Federal Center in Jefferson County when I heard a loud single whistled note overhead. I looked up in time to see a lone, pure white, sparrow-sized bird pass about 30 feet overhead. As it flew away from me, I could see no coloration in the tail or wings. It repeated the single, loud, whistled note once or twice more. Although I saw the bird from below and behind for only a few seconds, the call, size, pure white appearance and weather conditions convinced me that it was a Snow Bunting. I am familiar with the species from sightings in northern Wyoming.

JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

- January 6, Saturday, Pawnee National Grasslands. Nancy Hurley, leader. Meet at 7:A.M. at the Museum of Natural History. *
- 7, Sunday, Waterton. Marion & Joe Borden, leaders. Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center, at 8:00 A.M. *
- 13, Saturday, Franktown, Castle Rock (Rosy Finches). Merle Barbour and Mary Cornelius, leaders. Meet at 8:00 A.M., Dry Creek Shopping Center. *
- 14, Sunday, $\frac{1}{2}$ Day, Red Rocks. Don Thatcher, leader. Meet at 25th and Sheridan at 7:30 A.M.
- 20, Saturday, Bowmar Area. Lynn Willcockson, leader. Meet at 8:30 A.M. at the Dry Creek Shopping Center *
- 27, Saturday, Bear Creek and Morrison. Sadie Morrison, leader. Meet at 8:30 at 25th & Sheridan. *
- 28, Sunday, Barr and Mile High Duck Club. Harold Holt, leader. Meet at 7:30 A.M. at The Museum of Natural History. *

* BRING LUNCH

NOTICE

Dr. Maurice Hornocker, the world's authority on large cats, will present a special slide program entitled "Mountain Lion Research" on Tuesday, January 9, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. It will be at the Denver Museum of Natural History (new auditorium - west entrance) in City Park. Denver Audubon Society is sponsoring this event. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. This will undoubtedly be our best program of the year - hope you can join us !!!

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